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EXTRAVAGANZA!

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE big Sydney-Melbourne challenge is on, and the field of battle is the goodies involved with the Bicentennial Gold Cup in July 1988.

Which city will get the pot of gold in staging the unprecedented match between World Cup holders Argentina and the Brazilians.

NSW is flaunting the new 40,000 seat Sydney Football Stadium, but Victoria can go close to that with the capacity of Olympic Park alone.

After all, only 30,000 of those 40,000 Sydney seats are available to the hirer.

And beyond that Melbourne has the giant VFL Park and the centrally situated MCG.

If Maradona is here - and it must be anticipated that he will - Melbourne has the upper hand.

The cost of the Gold Cup extravaganza is believed to be well in excess of \$2 million.

Obviously long-serving president Sir Arthur George is aiming for a dramatic turnabout in the ASF finances, and aims to retire from his post with the organisation holding a very healthy surplus.

It is understood that debts of the ASF and ASF Marketing Ltd would be entirely cleared up.

Apart from record Australian soccer gate receipts this will call for huge television returns.

The South American market will no doubt be tapped. Possibly the inclusion of Saudi Arabia will



COUNTRY BOYS!

Marconi's GEOFF GUNNING (right) halts the progress of Heidelberg's SCOTT FRASER during the NSL match played in Shepparton. Marconi won 5-1.

also provide a television receipts windfall from the Middle East.

Sir Arthur George is tightlipped over arrangements to this stage, but he believes Saudi Arabia will do their share towards the success of the series.

"It is quite clear that they are champions of Asia and have beaten the

Koreans as well. They have a lot to offer," he said.

Other decisions announced by executive director Brian Emery are:

- An ASF vote for the National League could follow from a committee decision conveyed to the executive and then to a general meeting.

- The vital management survey by Coopers and Lybrand W. D. Scott will be dealt with by the management committee and the fee of \$80,000 is the barrier.

- Australia-China Ampol Cup: November 4: Melbourne, November 8: Newcastle, November 12: Canberra.

- Olympic Games v China-Taipei: November 29, Adelaide.

- NSL promotion fixtures: The top Queensland, Victorian and South Australian clubs to play home and away matches.

- Young Socceroos to play warm-up matches for the World Youth Cup on October 2, 4 and 6 in

Argentina and arrive in Santiago on October 7.

- Possibility of Australian squad players going fulltime - referred to the World Cup committee.

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MARADONA MANIA?

DIEGO MARADONA (pictured below) appeared for the Rest of the World against the English Football League at the weekend in a match celebrating the FA's centenary.

The match at Wembley was won 3-0 by the Football League XI, led admirably by a determined Bryan Robson who scored two. Robson it will be remembered was recently in Australia when he turned out for the Queensland during the interstate clash with NSW.



However the match at the weekend will be remembered more for the continual jeering of the little Argentinian maestro.

From the time he took the field and whenever he was in possession, the majority of the 61,000 crowd showed no respite with their howls of discontent.

Maradona, at first took it in his stride and all in good fun but after the match he branded to English press 'liars' concerning the pre-match hype, where he claimed the journalists continually pressed the point of his handball goal in Mexico last year.

— FRANK COLETTA

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The Editor

THE GOOD NEWS? The West End National Soccer League has chalked up over 300,000 league attendances to the end of Round 16.

And the not quite so good news? This represents just over 3200 admissions, paid or otherwise, to each match. It's not that the NSL immediately expected to do any better in crowd terms after transferring operations to one competition, than they have done.

So the protagonists of the NSL say they are running line ball, and the antagonists say that it is simply not good enough.

There have been exciting games this year and some not so, but in fairness the overall position relative to the standard of play is that attendances definitely deserved to be better.

Especially so too, because most times the weather has been better than is usually experienced.

The two low points were in rounds 14 and 16, the second of which particularly weather affected, but to obtain only an average attendance of 2000 per game set many tongues wagging.

The NSL is due to take one NSW team automatically, and also the winner of a home and away series between the Queensland, Victorian and South Australian winners into next season's competition.

It would cause no surprise if there was a dearth of entrants.

There are leading or close to leading clubs who will not be interested, and others whose calculations are presently being made.

Some are not ready to rely up plous hopes that entry fees may be reduced, being vitally concerned by the substance rather than the abstract.

Looking further into the match statistics, the average Sydney crowd is 4214, with 2664 for Melbourne and 3385 for the one club from Adelaide.

The raw figures can be interpreted to show superior Sydney turnouts. However some allowance should be made for the support of the dominant Croats and Greeks both of whose futures revolve around the expected continuing stability of the clubs.

The figures, unless they can be improved in Melbourne, tend to point to there being too many Melbourne clubs, even though there are some grounds to contest that assumption.

Sydney Croatia's average home attendance is 7122 and Sydney Olympic 4712, the latter being over 1000 per game ahead of the next group.

The attendances of these two clubs are such that just 15 per cent of the number of clubs draws 28 per cent of the league's entire attendances.

Taking an overview of club attendances, our records indicate the following averages: Sydney Croatia 7122, Sydney Olympic 4712, APIA-Leichhardt 3677, Footscray 3610, Heidelberg 3544, Adelaide City 3385, St George 2970, South Melbourne 2875, Preston 2660, Marconi 2453, Melbourne Croatia 2125, Sunshine George Cross 2054 and Brunswick Juventus 1866.

South Melbourne below St George? Ye Gods!

To take another look at the picture, five Sydney clubs have drawn 50 percent of league attendances, Melbourne has split 41 percent between their seven clubs and Adelaide's one has nine percent.

Being without a presence on commercial television, Soccer clubs have a difficulty in relating to the public at large.

Many claim to have players who are eminently promotable, but they tend to lack the expertise necessary to go about it.

Being primarily interested in their own direct supporters, they so often fail to take an overview.

For instance, in Sydney who would bother to put together even a once per season day to bring in players and officials of the local associations.

But we most hope their enthusiastic clubs continue their bids for better promotions.

It is to be hoped that the criteria for the decision on whether the amateurs of NSW are recognised by the ASF as one body is the future of football in NSW.

Thirty years ago, when in the NSW Soccer Football Association was dominated by Newcastle and Illawarra, the breakaway took place to form the NSW Federation.

The juniors, who enjoyed a harmonious relationship, were torn apart.

It is time to repair past damage and bring the amateurs and juniors of the state into regular play to improve the standard.

Be sure of this. Until there are country divisions as apply in rugby league and union, soccer will continue to lurch along in the NSW country.

Objective statesmanship is required, and attention given to the major requirements to repair NSW country football. Posterity will benefit.

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AD CITY'S ONSLAUGHT!

ADELAIDE City have polished their bayonets and are almost ready

BY TOM MCKAIN

gain promotion to the SA Rothmans League First Division.

"If we had cash to burn like some of the other clubs appear to possess, then we would have spent big" said Matic.

"But we need First Division status to attract top young players to the club as future NSL stars.

"They knocked us back this season because they were not prepared to play Second Division while waiting for a chance to break into the big-time.

"We committed our-

the field.

"Those people who say we made a mockery of the league by fielding five players in two-days when we drew in Sydney with Marconi, should take a look at Marconi.

"How good are they when they could not beat us?

"So we packed the defence.

"Teams have been doing that to us all season, teams which have spent thousands of dollars to buy players, and thousands of dollars to try and make them play.

"We have completed one mission. Now we go for another."

One Sydney scribe has called on the West End National League to investigate the fielding of Willie McNally, Adrian Santrac, Charlie Villani, Paul Shillabeer and Alex Tobin against Second Division challengers Seaforth the day before the Marconi game.

I tend to agree with Matic, that if Marconi could not beat a team with five men playing two games in two days, and minus three suspended stars — Joe Mullen, Paul Wilde and Colin Miller — there is something wrong with Sydney Soccer.

And while having seen Apia only once in the flesh this season, one must lean towards Matic's view that

playing Soccer is not their only aim.

They spent as much time harassing the referee when they bent City 1-0 in Adelaide.

And it is interesting to note that on the day City played Marconi, Apia's Burim Zajmi was sent off against Heidelberg, and four other Apia men were booked — and that was on top of Charlie Yankos being sent off against City and Terry Butler and Arno Bertogna being yellow carded.

This weekend against Olympic in Sydney, City will be back to full strength following the suspensions of centre back Paul Shillabeer and full back Colin Miller.

In the end City should come off best, for while playing NSL men on Saturdays as well as Sundays has taken its toll in suspensions, injuries and stamina, plus points, Matic has unearthed some new talent.

Miller was one who had to be blooded. Then came Joe Posani, Juan Rodriguez, Tim Mullen, Ernie Luongo and most importantly Lemmy Vatsilas, one of their few signings who got a chance to start first up instead of from the bench.

All is not yet over, and by the end of the season some teams may wish City was still playing in that Second Division league every Saturday.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC BANKS \$100,000

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC rushed \$100,000 to the bank, cabled to the A.S.F. last week, as the first instalment from Greek First Division club, Panathinaikos, for the transfer of left-winger Chris Kalantzis.



CHRIS KALANTZIS

Kalantzis, who was invited for transfer talks two weeks ago in Athens by First Division club Olympiakos and hijacked on his arrival in sensational style at Athens airport, was eventually signed by Panathinaikos for an Australian record transfer fee of \$200,000.

Sydney Olympic will receive another \$100,000 on December 15 as final payment for Kalantzis, monies which will go a long way to cut deeply into the \$328,000 debit balance Sydney Olympic has with its bank.

Olympic's president, Mr Tom Doumanis, who escorted Kalantzis to Athens for talks, on his arrival back from Athens, told ASW:

"Great rivalry exists over in Greece between the giant clubs and they are keenly looking out always on what the other is doing.

"However getting back to what concerns Sydney Olympic, now that we have received this money, the club board acknowledges that it is not a time for financial complacency.

"Our directors agree that now is the time to put our backs to the winch, work even harder, raise sufficient money so that by the end of this year, Sydney Olympic will be debt-free.

"That second instalment from Panathinaikos for \$100,000 to be received by December 15, will be invested and used as a base for acquired realty assets which will ensure that Sydney Olympic's financial destiny is never again threatened.

"With that objective in mind, functions, such as the Sydney Olympic Ball, have been planned for next month to raise further monies.

"I must at this stage acknowledge the great moral support I received from our director-treasurer, Mr George Paschalis over the last two days during our final negotiations with Panathinaikos. Things had gotten a bit rough in Greece by that stage and George's arrival was a great booster.

"His moral support was invaluable at a time when everything looked so black."



The enigmatic CHARLIE VILLANI

to charge again in defence of the national title they captured last year.

After fighting a battle on two fronts coach Zoran Matic has gathered his bruised and battered troops for what he hopes will be a grandstand finish.

His is not predicting another league title, but he is looking at a top five spot for sure, and perhaps another major triumph.

Apart from the natural instinct to win, he and his men are upset by some sections of the media who criticised them for playing defensive recently at Marconi, and lambasting the club because it chose to play several of its NSL players on Saturday's in the SA State League Second Division in order to

selves to winning promotion.

"We have done it, thanks to players who were willing to make sacrifices.



Nyskohus (left) and Mullen (right).

"Teams come to Adelaide and play defensive all the time, and they do the same when we visit them, while some try to kick us off



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SEMI-PROFESSIONALS MORE LIKELY

READERS of the afternoon papers in Sydney recently saw a report which said that the Winfield Socceroos were to become fulltime players.

Quite frankly I was much more than surprised, and it made me wonder what alternatives had been explored.

Knowing the perils of such a course, my feeling is that we should have been looking at Denmark in particular for a better pattern which we could consider adopting.

Why Denmark? Well, their national team is as good as Holland's was when they were on top.

And that has occurred even though some 90 percent of their players are with clubs outside their country.

These national squad players are very highly paid and there is almost nothing they can collect financially from representing Denmark.

Yet they want to do it, and I am sure our Australian players such as Jim Patikas and Eddie Krncevic have a similar outlook. Soon Chris Kalantzis could be in that category also.

Denmark can get its super-stars back for European Cup and World Cup games, and no doubt we will continue to emulate them.

Sure, we must use semi-professional players as well but that is in the nature of the normal Australian employment environment.

Whatever plans are in hand for salaries for players etc. etc. I don't know, but young men who are fairly early in their careers need to protect themselves for the future.

When I spoke to ASF vice-president and Victorian chairman Jack Reilly on the subject in Melbourne, he knew nothing about the possibility of players going fulltime.

I also had a word to the presidents of seven National Soccer League clubs. No-one outside of Sydney had the faintest idea what I was talking about.

The press in Adelaide and Melbourne hadn't heard about it either at that stage.

Club Battle

Now the main thing that Soccer needs in Australia is a strong club competition.

The current 13 NSL clubs are struggling to keep Soccer alive. They have looked to different formulae in their endeavours to progress.

We read continually about the importance of the national team and fair enough.

Will people never learn that there will be nothing without the clubs?

The National Soccer-

League name sounds better than State League and it attracts sponsors. Players become more professional, media covers should gradually become higher and the national team receives the benefits.

In countries across Europe and in South America, players of two or three superclubs become the basis for the

national team.

Circumstances could make this the case once again in Australia.

Also, it takes big money to keep our clubs going.

Is the ASF to lease players from the clubs?

The ASF surely wouldn't want to stop one club selling Chris Kalantzis and collecting its \$200,000, or another

maybe selling Rod Brown.

There is a private enterprise contracted type of arrangement to be observed, which I believe is for the good of the game.



RALE RASIC gives his uppermost thoughts and views in his ASW column. Outspoken and frank, his stories make engrossing reading.

PRIDE IN AUSTRALIA

To coin a phrase, I wasn't greatly struck by the Joe Bugner-Greg Page fight. Joe is 37 and Page had difficulty walking and constantly threw glances to his corner.

And the attempt to characterise Bugner as "Aussie Joe" had a peculiar ring to it, yet somehow it received front page cover.

Said triumphant Joe: "I love Australia." Yet on page 3 of the same Sydney Daily Telegraph was a poignant story of Lionel Rose, a real Aussie battler with a heart attack.

He was a fellow who went out to win a world boxing title and who suffered tragically in his family and business life and with his health.

Which story really deserved top cover?

I was even led to doubt whether superstars like Shane Gould and Dawn Fraser received the prominence that Bugner did.

And then to wonder why our glorious Australian soccer team have rarely if ever been so graphically

treated as Bugner was, even though I have nothing against the boxer.

To follow on, at one stage I spent some time in the USA, where, when it comes to the point, everyone defends their country whether it is right or wrong.

It is multi-national, even more so than Australia, but we can learn something from them to increase our pride.

On the club scene, too, we need more recognition.

When we travelled to Adelaide for the APIA-Adelaide City game, it was a tough encounter and the Adelaide Advertiser recognised just that.

Not bad for a sport that is still called the "wog game" in many circles.

On the Monday night, there was plenty of hype for the St George-Balmain

rugby league game.

What Soccer needs generally is certainly more impact with the public because the lack of media cover is keeping it down.

It's needed at club and international level.

I know first hand how the Socceroos are regarded as great ambassadors around the world.

In my time as national coach, Branko Buljevic, Atti Abonyi, Manfred Schaefer, Doug Utjesenovic, John Warren, Ernie Campbell and many others were the stars.

We are proud of our country, we earn our living and raise our families here.

But how long will I take us to be as proud of Australia as the Americans are of their country?



BOXING: The Bugner-Page fight. Rale Rasic, ASW's ace columnist, wasn't too impressed...

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Johnny Warren Honoured



Johnny Warren is congratulated by St George president Les Bordacs at his honorary dinner last Thursday at the club.

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STAR
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PETER TSOLAKIS

HEIDELBERG — No. 11



Full Name: Peter Tsolakis.

Born: 9 December 1965 in Australia. My parents Manuel and Effy are from Greece.

Height: 162.5cm (5ft 4ins).

Weight: 64kg (10st 1lb).

Status: Single. I've been going out with my girlfriend Marina for a few months.

Car: I own a Ford Escort but it's off the road at the moment with a blown up engine — probably because of the way I drive.

Previous clubs: I played for Port Melbourne throughout all my junior days from Under 11s. I came to Heidelberg in 1985 and had about seven games in the youth team before being promoted to the senior squad.

Occupation: I'm in between jobs so you can either call me unemployed or a fulltime soccer player.

Nickname: Steve Marley is responsible for my being called Gus at the club. The Scottish lads in the squad called me gasmeter referring to my size. I didn't understand the Scottish accent and one day I asked Steve why they called me Gus. Marley has made sure it's stuck ever since.

Worst ever injury: I've had no major injuries and I'm keeping my fingers firmly crossed on that one.

Favourite Australian player: I think Jeff Oliver is brilliant and I like Graham Arnold.

Favourite other teams: I still follow Port Melbourne's progress for obvious reasons. I also like to see what Caulfield is doing in the State League. Overseas, West Ham is my team. I was a fanatic supporter as a kid buying posters and always looking for them on TV.

Favourite overseas player: It has to be Maradona. There is no other player like him.

Favourite away ground: Probably Olympic Park, if you can call that an away ground. I always enjoyed playing in Brisbane, at Lions and Brisbane City.

Best goal scored: In my last season at Port Melbourne, I knocked the ball wide to Joe Palatsides and dashed into the box for the cross. I met it with my back to goal and hit the ball into the top left corner with a scissors kick. It's the best goal I've scored but I don't even remember who we were playing in that game.

Best goal seen scored: One by Mark Hughes playing for Manchester United where he hit a side volley in mid-air into the top corner. Again I don't remember who United was playing against.

Most difficult opponent: George Hannah. He's hard to get around and he's always there making things hard for you. And the bludger practically always marks me when we play Melbourne Croatia.

Most memorable match: A 6-0 away win at Brisbane City last year (July 20). I didn't score in the game but it was a great result especially since Brisbane had held South Melbourne to a 0-0 draw in Melbourne a couple of weeks earlier.

Most embarrassing moment: John Kanesoulis is the sucker for them in our team. He's been in for a couple of beauties especially up in Brisbane where Alan Hunter knows the reporters and got them to set up a couple of bogey interviews. My own embarrassing moments come when I challenge players like Paul Wade for headers. I've got no hope against them and the crowd has a good laugh at my expense.

Own magic moment in soccer: Any time we beat South Melbourne in the league. The crowd at those games hypes you up and there's a lot of adrenalin flowing.

Biggest disappointment: Getting knocked out at the first round by George Cross in the finals series last year. I felt we could've done a lot better.

Best mate: Joe Palatsides, who plays for Brunswick Juventus. We were teammates at Port Melbourne and we're very good mates.

Favourite other sports: Tennis — I play Palatsides regularly even though I can never beat him. We also play golf with George Petrov of Preston Makedonia and I follow Aussie Rules. I barrack for Hawthorn because I live in the suburb. Robert Dipierdomenico was my next door neighbour as a kid and we often had a kickabout in the park.

Dislikes: Women drivers bug me and I hate dishonest people.

Favourite TV: All sports shows and I like Moonlighting and Miami Vice.

TV shows you always switch off: I can't stand soapies like Days of our Lives and Dallas.

Favourite reading: I read all the newspapers in the morning and I like sports magazines.

Favourite music: I'm not too fussy about my music. The Police and Genesis are among my favourites.

Favourite food/drink: Anything to do with rice. I like Southern Comfort and Coke — it's a very smooth drink.

Best country visited: The only place I've been to is Greece and that was when the family took me for a three month holiday when I was 11. I'd like to travel through Europe eventually.

Favourite actor/actress: Clint Eastwood is brilliant and Victoria Principal is stunning.

Best film seen recently: Crocodile Dundee was tops and I liked Top Gun.

Biggest influence on career: My father taught me the basics and is still the best person to turn to for advice after a match and Hans Petersen (Mike's father) who coached us throughout the junior days. He is a really good coach who deserves better recognition.

What you don't like about soccer: bad tackles.

Superstitions: I don't believe in them.

Pre-match meal: Pasta (in most cases spaghetti). Tea and toast in the morning.

Honors: We won practically every championship at junior level but I'm still waiting for my first in the seniors.

Ambition: To win a championship and hopefully one day break into the Australian team.

Career after playing: I'm still only 21 but I want to stay involved in the game after I've finished playing whether it's as a coach or on the managerial side.

Player to watch out for this season: John Anastasiadis is a very talented player who is going to make it big.

Person you would most like to meet: Maradona.

Advice to youngsters: Feel free to express yourself. Don't be shy to use your skill and don't take any notice of any verbal abuse you may get from spectators.

Peter Tsolakis



PAUL CARTER
Marconi

Right back who was on the verge of making the Soccerero squad in 1984 and joined Marconi for that reason only for Les Scheinlugg to be axed as the national coach soon after. Carter was promoted into the Leichhardt senior side at the tail end of 1981 and the following season was in Apia's NSL Cup winning side against Heidelberg. Marconi signed him for \$13,000 after a tribunal case which reduced his original fee from \$25,000. Carter was an everpresent in Marconi's side last season.

Born: 17 July 1963

NSL debut: Apia Leichhardt 4 Canberra 0 23 August 1981.

NSL career details: Apia Leichhardt.

1981: 3 apps

1982: 13 apps, 1 goal

1984: 24 apps, 1 goal

Marconi:

1984: 28 apps

1985: 25 apps, 2 goals

1986: 24 apps



MARK BROWN
APIA Leichhardt

A product of APIA's juniors, Brown broke into the senior side at the beginning of the 1983 season and took over the left back spot from Ian Gray. Has been a fixture in the position for the past three years and at the start of the season needed only four more league games to make his 100th NSL appearance. Under-rated defender who doesn't get the recognition he deserves but is highly valued by coach Rale Rasic.

Born: 2 March 1963.

NSL debut: Heidelberg 2 APIA Leichhardt 0, 13 March 1983.

NSL career details: APIA Leichhardt.

1983: 24 apps

1984: 29 apps

1985: 22 apps

1986: 21 apps



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LIVE IT AROUND A WEST END EXPORT.

CAN MARCONI STOP APIA?

By JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI Stadium is the place to be next Sunday when Australia's two big Italian sponsored clubs, Marconi and Apia, meet head-on in a match billed as the "Italian Derby".

Marconi is aiming to end Apia's unbeaten streak this season.

Paul Carter, Marconi's reliable right-back, will miss Sunday's clash through suspension. Utility back Lee Sterrey is expected to slot into Carter's spot.

David Lowe and Ian Gray are both expected to return to Marconi's line-up.

Both Marconi strikers, Frank Farina and Steve Maxwell are running hot with Farina cracking his first NSL hat-trick last Sunday and Maxwell also picking up a goal in their

5-1 thrashing of Heidelberg.

Marconi's ever-green skipper and centre-back, Tony Henderson, said last night:

"Sunday's match means everything to us. We must win this one and peg Apia's lead back to four points. If that happens, the whole League will be thrown open again.

"Apia is so well organised they can handle all pressure. Rale Rasic has bought well and he has plenty of depth which has stood them in good stead through suspensions and

injuries all season."

But Rasic was most reluctant to make any type of forecasts for the match.

He said: "I am not talking. We will do all our talking on Sunday on the pitch. We are all fit, psychologically prepared, nobody is suspended and Charlie Yankos is back after missing the last two matches.

"I will treat this match just like any other Championship match. It's just a game and I will be using the same system as we have used in our home and away matches all season.

"Why should I change it?"

"Our system has been successful on 16 occasions, why not 17?"

Marconi officials have planned a giant promotion for Sunday.

The promotion will include a free BBQ for all paying spectators.

The BBQ is sponsored by Melsoi Fine Foods

Two special presentations will be made

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM SIR ARTHUR PRAISES YOUNG ROOS

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George is delighted over the continued success of the Australian under 20 team.

"I don't believe that the public realises the degree of success we have had," he told us.

"It is remarkable for a country such as Australia to be rated 13th in the world by FIFA.

"Australia has recorded wins over Argentina when they were world champions in 1981, and over European champions Scotland two years later.

"We now go to Chile with a squad that will be as well prepared as we can make it."

Australia has competed in the 1979 series, making the finals in 1981 as host in Australia, 1983 in Mexico and then Russia 1985.

Opponents in Australia's grouping in Chile are Togo, Yugoslavia and host Chile.

World ranking based on Youth Cup finals results

	Tunisia 77	Japan 79	Australia 81	Mexico 83	USSR 85	Matches	W	D	L	Goals	Points
1 Brazil	3	-	6	1	1	21	16	4	1	47 12	36
2 Uruguay	4	3	5	5	-	19	11	5	3	28 15	27
3 Argentina	-	1	9	2	-	15	12	1	2	37 7	25
4 USSR	1	2	-	15	4	20	8	7	5	32 20	23
5 Mexico	2	11	11	13	5	18	4	9	5	27 21	17
6 Spain	7	6	13	-	2	16	5	6	5	19 20	16
7 Poland	-	4	10	3	-	15	6	3	6	27 15	15
8 Korea Rep	-	9	11	4	-	12	4	3	5	12 17	11
9 Germany F R	-	-	1	-	-	6	5	0	1	12 4	10
10 Paraguay	5	5	-	-	12	10	4	2	4	17 11	10
11 Nigeria	-	-	-	10	3	9	4	2	3	9 10	10
12 Romania	-	-	3	-	-	6	4	1	1	6 3	9
13 Australia	-	-	7	9	11	10	2	5	3	12 13	9
14 Hungary	10	14	-	-	9	9	3	2	4	11 15	8
15 England	-	-	4	-	13	9	2	3	4	11 12	7
16 Qatar	-	-	2	-	-	6	3	1	2	7 9	7
17 China P R	-	-	-	12	7	7	3	0	4	10 13	6
18 Honduras	6	-	-	-	-	3	2	0	1	3 1	4
19 Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	6	4	1	2	1	5 4	4
20 Scotland	-	-	-	6	-	4	2	0	2	4 3	4
21 Czechoslovakia	-	-	-	7	-	4	2	0	2	8 8	4
22 Netherlands	-	-	-	8	-	4	1	2	1	5 5	4
23 Egypt	-	-	8	-	-	4	1	2	1	9 10	4
24 Portugal	-	7	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	2 3	4
25 Algeria	-	8	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	2 6	4
26 Colombia	-	-	-	-	8	4	1	2	1	5 10	4
27 France	7	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	3 3	3
28 Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	-	10	3	1	1	1	1 1	3
29 Iran	9	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	4 5	3
30 Ivory Coast	13	-	-	14	-	6	0	3	3	4 13	3
31 USA	-	-	15	11	-	6	1	1	4	4 13	3
32 Canada	-	13	-	-	14	6	1	1	4	3 12	3
33 Yugoslavia	-	10	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	5 3	2
34 Japan	-	12	-	-	-	3	0	2	1	1 2	2
35 Iraq	11	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	6 8	2
36 Italy	12	-	16	-	-	6	0	2	4	2 9	2
37 Tunisia	14	-	-	-	16	6	1	0	5	3 13	2
38 Cameroon	-	-	14	-	-	3	0	1	2	3 6	1
39 Austria	15	-	-	16	-	6	0	1	5	1 16	1
40 Ireland Rep	-	-	-	-	15	3	0	0	3	3 7	0

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THE POOLS HAVE BIG ADVANTAGES

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY interviewed Mr Peter Mallin, Managing Director of Australian Soccer Pools yesterday, and asked him if there was much difference in Pools and Lotto, and was there any advantage to Pools players.

Mr Mallin said there is no doubt that people with knowledge of Soccer have an advantage, and should be using this over those who can only 'pick-em-with-a-pin'.

Pools is a Soccer selection forecast game, where the results are derived from matches which result in a score draw.

Pools itself has the distinct following advantages:

1. Better odds of winning than any Lotto game in Australia.
2. Has five prize divisions.
3. Can be played by using skill in selection or by random selection like Lotto.
4. Players may also mix and match by selecting some by skill and some by numbers.

Mr Mallin continued: "By studying the match list, persons with some knowledge of form can increase their chances greatly by eliminating those matches wherein a draw is unlikely, and then selecting from the balance the matches he or she believes will result in a draw.

For example, selecting six numbers from 40 as per Lotto, the odds are 3.8 million to 1, whereas selecting 6 from 38 as per Pools, the odds are only 2.7 million to 1. However, with Soccer Pools, presuppose a client elimi-



Peter Mallin (Pools Managing Director)

nates 12 matches as win or lose, he is left with only 26 to pick draws from and the odds of 6 from 26 are only 230,230 to 1. This is still high but is a massive reduction of 2.5 million, which is a definite advantage over pure numbers playing.

We asked for as quick guide as to how the Pools work.

It really is very simple. The objective is to (in two or more games) select 6 matches from the match list which you think will result in a draw. Play two minimum or as many games as you like. There are systems too which you can use to select 7, 8, 9 or 10 in on box. To multiply your chances and win many smaller dividends.

Scoring is easy too. The 6 winning matches and a supplementary are derived by checking the highest score draws. For example, a 5-5 result beats a 3-3 result and so on. So if you check the Soccer results like this you can see how they are arrived at.

Match no.1 3-1, 2 3-3*, 3 2-2* 4 1-3, 5 0-0*, 6 1-1*, 7 0-1, 8 0-0*, 9 2-1, 10 1-1*, 11 2-2* and so on to 38.

The winning nos. are: 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11 Supplementary 5.

Where there are insufficient score draws, nil-nil draws are used and the first of these are selected in ascending order (up from the bottom).

How about the winners?

Well, we've had hundreds of thousands of winners, but of the large ones I can immediately recall the player who was our largest ever winner last year. He won a massive \$3 million and another who won over \$1.5 million last year and recently a third who won over \$500,000.



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FINAL ENGLISH LEAGUE TABLES 1986/87

ENGLISH 1st DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	42	26	8	8	76	31	86
Liverpool	42	23	8	11	72	42	77
Tottenham	42	21	8	13	68	43	71
Arsenal	42	20	10	12	58	35	70
Norwich City	42	17	17	8	53	51	68
Wimbledon	42	19	9	14	57	50	66
Luton Town	42	18	12	12	47	45	66
Nottingham Forest	42	18	11	13	64	51	65
Walford	42	18	9	15	67	54	63
Coventry City	42	17	12	13	50	45	63
Manchester United	42	14	14	14	52	45	56
Southampton	42	14	10	18	69	68	52
Sheffield Wednesday	42	13	13	16	58	59	52
Chelsea	42	13	13	16	53	64	52
West Ham United	42	14	10	18	52	67	52
Q.P.R.	42	13	11	18	48	64	50
Newcastle United	42	12	11	19	47	65	47
Oxford United	42	11	13	18	44	69	46
Charlton	42	11	11	20	45	55	44
Leicester City	42	11	9	22	54	76	42
Manchester City	42	8	15	19	36	57	39
Aston Villa	42	8	12	22	45	79	36

RELEGATED: Leicester City, Manchester City, Aston Villa.

ENGLISH 2nd DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby County	42	25	9	8	64	38	84
Portsmouth	42	23	9	10	53	28	78
Oldham Athletic	42	22	9	11	65	44	75
Leeds United	42	19	11	12	58	44	68
Ipswich Town	42	17	13	12	59	43	64
Crystal Palace	42	19	5	18	51	53	62
Plymouth Argyle	42	16	13	13	62	57	61
Stoke City	42	16	10	16	63	53	58
Sheffield United	42	15	13	14	50	49	58
Bradford City	42	15	10	17	62	62	55
Barnsley	42	14	13	15	49	52	55
Blackburn Rovers	42	15	10	17	45	55	55
Reading	42	14	11	17	52	59	53
Hull City	42	13	14	15	41	55	53
West Bromwich	42	13	12	17	51	49	51
Millwall	42	14	9	19	39	45	51
Huddersfield Town	42	13	12	17	54	51	51
Shrewsbury Town	42	15	6	21	41	53	51
Birmingham City	42	11	17	14	47	59	50
Sunderland	42	12	12	18	49	59	48
Grimsby Town	42	10	14	18	39	59	44
Brighton	42	9	12	21	37	54	39

PROMOTED: Derby County, Portsmouth.

RELEGATED: Sunderland, Grimsby Town, Brighton.

ENGLISH 3rd DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth	46	29	10	7	76	40	97
Middlesbrough	46	28	10	8	67	30	94
Swindon Town	46	25	12	9	77	47	87
Wigan Athletic	46	25	10	11	83	60	85
Gillingham	46	23	9	14	65	48	78
Bristol City	46	21	14	11	63	36	77
Notts County	46	21	13	12	77	56	76
Walsall	46	22	9	15	80	67	75
Blackpool	46	16	16	14	74	59	64
Mansfield Town	46	15	16	15	52	55	61
Brentford	46	15	15	16	64	66	60
Port Vale	46	15	12	19	76	70	57
Doncaster Rovers	46	14	15	17	56	62	57
Rotherham United	46	15	12	19	48	57	57
Chester	46	13	17	16	61	59	56
Bury	46	14	13	19	54	60	55
Chesterfield	46	13	15	18	56	69	54
Fulham	46	12	17	17	59	77	53
Bristol Rovers	46	13	12	21	49	75	51
York City	46	12	13	21	55	79	49
Bolton Wanderers	46	10	15	21	46	58	45
Carlisle United	46	10	8	28	39	78	38
Darlington	46	7	16	23	45	77	37
Newport County	46	8	13	25	49	86	57

PROMOTED: Bournemouth, Middlesbrough, Swindon Town.

RELEGATED: Bolton Wanderers, Carlisle, Darlington, Newport County.

POOLS — SAFE AS A BANK

IT'S impossible to swindle the Pools, according to Manager, Mr J. Gillespie who says security is the key word. "Many have tried to defraud the Pools but of course it's pointless," he said.

The system is so secure that even staff are allowed to play the game. The system starts at the Pools agent where you place your Pools entry. This is presented over the counter with your cash and there you are in with the chance of a lifetime.

In Victoria your Pools agent validates your entry through a Tattersalls' on-line terminal and you receive a receipted ticket with your selected numbers on it. Your entry is sent down the line into the Tattersalls' Data centre, which is one of the most sophisticated in the world.

Following the processing of winners all 3rd, 4th, and 5th winning prizes are payable over the counter at any Pools agent from Wednesday morning of each week. The lucky 1st and 2nd division winners are paid on presentation of their winning ticket to Australian Soccerpools.

In New South Wales and Queensland your entry can be placed at any newsagent where Pools are sold. Your entry is validated and you receive your validated copy back to allow you to check your winning numbers.

The top copy of your entry is collected from the Pools agent by a security courier and taken to the Pools Computer Centre where it is microfilmed and then processed through a main frame computer. To further protect from fraud a copy of the microfilm with your entry on it is lodged with the Police in a Treasury safe prior to the commencement of the Soccer games. After winning numbers are known each Sunday, entries are processed through the computer and your winning cheque is posted to you.

The whole system of receiving, processing and scanning entries is designed to protect the player.



Coupons are proceeded — and it is all done with a smile.

IT'S EASY TO PLAY

THROUGHOUT Australia Pools have over 3,000 agents all ready to assist you in how to play Pools. All agents are stocked with coupons, both Standard and System Multi together with How to Play literature and weekly match lists.

Each week this paper will give you the match list for the week's games with provision for you to eliminate those games which have no possibility to end in a score draw. So why not pick up some coupons ready for you to fill out your selections.

Playing Pools is so easy and when you start playing by form it even gives added excitement to the game. Just imagine what it would be like to somebody knocked on your door and said "You've won the Pools".

It always pays to keep your eye on each week's Pool because if no-one wins, the top dividend jackpots into next week's Pool to given an even bigger prize.

John Laverack, Pools' National Advertising Manager says: "if you want to give yourself an even bigger chance look at the extra prizes you get when you play Systems right up to System 10".



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ENGLISH 4th DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	46	30	9	7	103	53	99
Preston North End	46	26	12	8	72	47	90
Southend United	46	25	5	16	68	55	80
Wolverhampton	46	24	7	15	89	50	79
Colchester United	46	21	7	18	64	56	70
Aldershot	46	20	10	16	64	57	70
Orient	46	20	9	17	64	61	69
Scunthorpe United	46	18	12	16	73	57	66
Wrexham	46	15	20	11	70	51	63
Peterborough	46	17	14	15	67	50	65
Cambridge United	46	17	11	18	50	62	62
Swansea City	46	17	11	18	56	61	62
Cardiff City	46	15	18	13	48	50	61
Exeter City	46	11	23	12	53	49	56
Hullfax Town	46	15	10	21	59	74	55
Hereford United	46	14	11	21	60	61	53
Craws	46	13	14	19	79	72	53
Hartlepool United	46	11	18	17	44	65	51
Stockport	46	13	12	21	40	70	51
Tranmere Rovers	46	11	17	18	54	72	50
Rochdale	46	11	17	18	54	73	50
Burnley	46	12	13	21	53	74	49
Torquay United	46	10	18	18	56	72	48
Lincoln City	46	12	12	22	45	65	46

PROMOTED: Northampton, Preston, Southend, Aldershot.

N.B. Aldershot promoted after play offs.
Lincoln drop into the G.M. Conference and are replaced by Scarborough.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	44	31	7	6	85	23	69
Celtic	44	27	9	8	90	41	63
Dundee United	44	24	12	8	66	38	60
Aberdeen	44	21	16	7	63	29	58
Hearts	44	21	14	9	64	43	56
Dundee	44	18	12	14	74	57	48
St. Mirren	44	12	12	20	36	51	36
Motherwell	44	11	12	21	43	64	34
Hibernian	44	10	13	21	44	70	33
Falkirk	44	8	10	26	31	70	26
Clydebank	44	8	12	26	35	93	24
Hamilton	44	6	9	29	39	93	21

RELEGATED: Clydebank, Hamilton.

SCOTTISH 1st DIV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	44	1-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1
Dunfermline	44	0-2	0-6	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
Dumbarton	44	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
East Fife	44	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Airdrieonians	44	0-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Kilmarnock	44	0-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Forfar Athletic	44	0-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Partick	44	0-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Clyde	44	0-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Queen of the South	44	0-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Brechin City	44	2-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Montrose	44	2-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1

PROMOTED: Morton, Dunfermline.

RELEGATED: Brechin, Montrose.

SCOTTISH 2nd DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Meadowbank	39	23	9	7	67	37	55
Raith Rovers	39	18	20	3	73	44	52
Stirling Albion	39	20	12	7	55	33	52
Ayr United	39	22	8	9	70	49	52
St. Johnstone	39	18	13	10	59	49	45
Alloa Athletic	39	17	7	15	48	50	41
Cowdenbeath	39	16	8	15	58	56	40
Albion Rovers	39	15	9	15	46	51	39
Queens Park	39	9	19	11	48	49	37
Stranraer	39	9	11	19	42	59	29
Arbroath	39	11	7	21	46	66	29
Stenhousemuir	39	10	9	20	37	58	29
East Stirling	39	6	11	22	33	56	23
Berwick	39	8	7	24	40	69	23

PROMOTED: Meadowbank, Raith Rovers.

PREPARE YOUR COUPONS FOR BIG START

THREE months has passed quickly and the Soccer pools now return to their origins, that is with the English Soccer League coupon.

It is not a novelty but it is a strange feeling, after the festival of the Australian teams and with many completely unknown championships, to return to those glorious names of Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Arsenal, Tottenham, West Ham, just to name some of the more popular.

A championship like the English League, with great technical characteristics, is not limited to the first division.

It also is strong in the lower divisions where they are up coming teams of great prestige.

This is easy enough to see if one glances at the score card of the last championship which is published here.

In second division amongst others Villa, Leicester, in third division there is Fulham, Sunderland, Chesterfield, Preston and in fourth division we find Burnley, Cardiff, Swansea and the Wolves.

In a competition like the English League, where relegation is not the end of the world as in many other nations, the inter-changing of values enriches all the categories.

This is clearly seen in the enormous luck of the Soccer Pools in that country.

The reasons behind the positive repercussions is mainly determined by the real possibility to play a selection on based on technique in the selection of the matches to put into the coupon.

In England, keeping in mind the principle that the ball is round and, therefore, Soccer is great because of the vast range of possible results, it is more that a situation occurs like in Australian Soccer where the technique and irrationality become two intercommunication elements and from this we get results which are neither on the sky or on earth.

As we have already said we have published the score card on which we

can see how the various British championships ended last season.

This is not only to visualise certain obvious facts but also for information which may be useful now and in the future.

For example, a potential pools player would be immediately interested to see how many draws each team obtained last season.

Some Joy

Let's have fun in doing a few calculations and

Scooping the Pools ...

EXPERIENCE — KEY TO CALCULATION

THE idea of scooping the jackpot is one that excites us all. The vision of having the Pools man knock on your door and present you with a big cheque.

But one thought might cross your mind — "how do I know that this is all fair and above board?"

"You know with absolute certainty," Pools Company Secretary, Mr Robert Cornish said.

"The Pools operates under government regulations and strict rules.

"The amount allocated to each division is determined in State Government legislation, the licence under which we operate, and the Pools rules.

"Every quarter our auditors, Messrs Price Waterhouse in conjunction with Tattersalls' auditors, conduct an audit or the stakes for the previous quarter to verify that the declaration is correct.

"At the end of each year, the auditors certify to

then, just as in a game, transfer them into the playing of the Soccer Pools.

As an example, lets take the fourth division where 46 matches were played for total of 1104 matches.

The draws were 308, just a bit over a third in respect of the whole results.

Southend United had concluded its round with only five draws and Exeter City had half of its matches end in draws — that is 23.

Well, this team from the middle of the classification is

technically forced to play under the principle that it is better to win and not lose.

There are many examples such as these on which Pools players will base his/her selection.

For those of you, however, who prefer that situation rather than technical validity, there remains the persuasion that it is much easier to win at pools than at other games, based on the principle of six winning numbers.

Why? It's easy, because the numbers to

choose and between 1 and 38, only two less than Lotto, but very, very important in the final results.

Your next appointment is Monday for the results and Wednesday as from now — for the predictions.

To all those good sports, we wish you a good coupon and good luck.



Every week ASW will provide a guest Pools panellist, choosing ten possible score draws for the upcoming weekend matches. This week ASW's own FRANK COLETTA has a go, but he warns: "I wouldn't put my house on them!"

FUNDING FLOWS FOR SPORT

POOLS would have to be the most enjoyable contribution a person can make to the Treasury. This year, Pools is expected to contribute \$4 million to the NSW Government of which two thirds is channelled into the

Department of the Sport and Recreation.

Since the Pools started in Australia more than \$40 million has gone to help sport and recreation in NSW. Pools money is also used for sport-related building projects in conjunction with local councils.

NSW Sport and Recreation Minister Mr Cleary says every dollar received is welcomed by the State Government. "Pools is one of the many contributors to the Sport and Re-

creation Department. It is a case where the public has control over how much is given," Mr Cleary said.

"As more people play, more money is available for use in the portfolio, but it cuts both ways. If fewer people play, the NSW Government receives a smaller amount." So playing Pools is a great way to help promote sport in the Premier state.



JOHN LAVERACK ... Advertising Manager.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

- 1st — Jackpot
- 2nd — \$845.15
- 3rd — \$157.25
- 4th — \$11.10
- 5th — \$6.10

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	LIVERPOOL	1	X
	CHARLTON	NOTTM. F.	2	
	CHELSEA	SHEFF. WED.	3	
	COVENTRY	TOTTENHAM	4	
	DERBY C.	LUTON TOWN	5	X
	EVERTON	NORWICH C.	6	
	OXFORD U.	PORTSMOUTH	7	
	SOUTH'PTON	MAN. UTD.	8	
	WATFORD	WIMBLEDON	9	XX
	WEST HAM	Q.P.R.	10	XX
DIVISION 2	BARNLEY	LEEDS U.	11	
	BIRMINGHAM	STOKE C.	12	
	BRADFORD C.	SWINDON	13	X
	HUDDERSF'LD	CRYSTAL P.	14	
	HULL C.	BLACKBURN	15	
	IPSWICH T.	ASTON VILLA	16	
	LEICESTER	SHREWSBURY	17	X
	MAN. CITY	PLYMOUTH A.	18	
	MIDDLESBRO'	MILLWALL	19	
	SHEFF. UTD.	BOURNEM'TH	20	X
DIVISION 3	W.B.A.	OLDHAM A.	21	
	BRENTFORD	SUNDERLAND	22	
	BRIGHTON	YORK	23	
	BRISTOL R.	ROTHERHAM	24	XX
	BURY	SOUTHEND	25	XX
	CHESTER	NORTH'PTON	26	
	DONCASTER	GRIMSBY T.	27	X
	GILLINGHAM	BLACKPOOL	28	
	MANSFIELD	BRISTOL C.	29	
	NOTTS. C.	WIGAN A.	30	
DIVISION 4	PORT VALE	ALDERSHOT	31	
	PRESTON	CHESTERF'LD	32	
	WALSALL	FULHAM	33	
	BURNLEY	COLCHESTER	34	
	CARDIFF	LEYTON O.	35	
	CREWE A.	BOLTON W.	36	
	EXETER	CAMB'GE U.	37	
	HEREFORD	ROCHDALE	38	
	RESERVE MATCHES			
	PETERBORO'	CARLISLE	39	
DIV. 4	SCUNTHORPE	TRANMERE	40	
	STOCKPORT	SWANSEA	41	
	ABERDEEN	RANGERS	42	
	CELTIC	MOTHERWELL	43	
	DUNDEE UTD.	MORTON	44	
	FALKIRK	DUNFERMLINE	45	
	HIBERNIAN	DUNDEE	46	
	ST. MIRREN	HEARTS	47	
	DUMFARTON	KILMARNOCK	48	
	EAST FIFE	MEADOWBANK	49	
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	FORFAR	CLYDEBANK	50	
	HAMILTON	CLYDE	51	
	PARTICK	RAITH	52	
	Q. OF STH.	AIRDRIE	53	
	ALBION	E. STIRLING	54	
	AYR	MONTROSE	55	

NOTE: Teams on the left are playing on their home ground while teams on the right are playing away from home.

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SAINTS' SPEED KILLS OLYMPIC

By JOHN ECONOMOS

SHEER pace and a much greater degree of tenacity was enough for St George to knock off Sydney Olympic 2-0 at the St George Stadium.

The Saints exposed Sydney Olympic's lack of pace, a problem coach Eddie Thomson has been well aware.

"St George committed probably the same amount of mistakes as us, but they had the pace to recover and rectify," he said.

"I could see this coming, despite our recent run of good results. The honeymoon was over.

"Their midfield completely blotted us out."

A jubilant St George coach Frank Arok stated: "I have been saying it for the last six months, that we are the quickest side in the NSL and today we showed this."

Saints' giant sweeper Steve O'Connor, re-

marked in the dressing rooms later: "We badly needed the two points.

"With our quick shut-downs and ability to retain possession we were able to achieve what we set out to do."

And "Rocky" should know what he's talking about as he, together with Kiwi striker, Kevin Hagan, was probably the best on the pitch.

O'Connor marshalled the St George back-line with solidarity and Hagan scored the second St George goal.

The first half was a terrible exhibition of tight, drab, unimaginative football as both sets of midfielders choked any potential build-ups.

So poor was the texture of the first half that it

took as long as 32 minutes before we saw a strike at goal.

One minute before the break St George's speedy striker, Scott Ollershaw scored from a magnificent piece of solo-play first beating centre-back, Mike Coady, then rounding sweeper, Tony Dakos before stabbing a 12 metre left-footed drive past Olympic's giant goalkeeper, Gary Meier.

In the 77th minute, Hagan cemented St George's victory, swiftly moving in on a disastrous Olympic defensive error.

A long kick-out by Saints' goalkeeper, Mike Gibson, saw the ball drop into Olympic's box where Dakos' clearing header screwed to the feet of the advancing Hagan and he put the ball into an empty net as Meier collided into Dakos.

Olympic only threatened when John Kosmina came inches from scoring as Gibson cut off a short pass inside the six yard box.

Four minutes from the end an Abbas Saad angled 10 metre drive flashed inches past the base of Gibson's right hand post.

Stars of the match were O'Connor, Hagan and Ollershaw for Saints whilst Olympic was best served by Gary Phillips and Haniotis.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, O'Shea, O'Connor, Grbevl: Ricoy, Moffitt, Pottler: Ollershaw, Koczka (Kulscar 36th), Hagan (Ilic 80th).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Dragovic (Johnston 59th), Coady, Haniotis, Dakos, Hooker: Raskopoulos, Ratcliffe (Patalia 59th) Phillips: Saad, Kosmina.

Referee: R.Lorenz. Crowd: 5,978. Yellow Cards: O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Kosmina, Moffitt, Ricoy.



Full-blooded weekend NSL action. Top: Olympic's Stuart Johnston leaves Saints Mike O'Shea in his wake. Bottom: Gary Phillips beats Scott Ollershaw (left) to the ball. Photo Modern Studio.

FRANKEN SAVES LUCKY CROATIA

By FRANK COLETTA

WITH just 20 seconds remaining Preston striker Steve Smith rose to head home a Zoran Ilioski cross to earn his side a more than deserved 1-1 draw with Sydney Croatia.

Even when Smith drilled his header in, Croatia's brilliant 23-year-old custodian Anthony Franken all but kept it out with a desperate dive.

Previous to that, though, he had kept his sadly out of form side in the match with two of the best reflex saves ever seen.

His performance earned rave reviews from Preston boss Ernie Merrick, who claimed: "We played out of our skin today and if it wasn't for Franken we would have won well.

"He is a great goalkeeper."

The first of the outstanding stops came a quarter of an hour into the second half when Goce Dimovski sent a header goalward from five yards away. Franken flew acrobatically at point blank range to flick the ball over the bar.

Midway through the same term he outdid his earlier effort. Dimovski latched onto a cross 10 metres and drove his header toward the keeper, who leapt to his left to turn the ball onto the crossbar and away.

Croatia gained inspiration from Franken's exploits and after 80 minutes Robbie Slater burst away down the right flank and whipped over his cross. Zarko Odzakov on the far post met the ball with a meek downward header; seeing an opportunity, Graham Arnold dived full length to send his header against the post.

Unbelievably the rebound fell perfectly for Odzakov whose shot

rifled into the top of the net.

Preston refused to lie down. Merrick reshuffled his side and put as many men into attack as possible, sometimes leaving only two at the back.

Fortune favours the brave and Smith grabbed the equaliser right at the death.

Disappointing, is the only way to describe Croatia's performance. They are experiencing the same sort of form slump that beset neighbours Marconi a month ago.

But credit where it is due. Despite having won only one game in six weeks Croatia are still level with Marconi in second spot and against Preston they were committed if little else.

Croatia laboured throughout the 90 minutes as did captain-coach Vedran Rozic.

Rozic's previously injured leg proved healthy enough for him to complete the match but he looked a shadow of his former self.

Rozic, like the rest of the Croatia dressing room, was disturbed: "Of course I am disappointed, especially to lose both points so close to the finish.

"But really Preston probably deserved a draw. We tried to keep up the pressure."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Jennings, Savor, Rumora, Rozic, Jones, Clinch, Slater, Odzakov, Arnold, Lamond (Viletstra 46).

PRESTON: Tralenedes, Stewart, Petrov, Jackson, McLennan (Silfkaas 85), Tacevski, Ilioski, Campbell, Dimovski, Smith, Gojevic.

CROWD: 8840. Referee: D.Voutsinas (Melb). Yellow Cards: Z.Tacevski, S.Smith and S.Jackson (Preston).

IT took National champion Adelaide City only 29 minutes to bury Melbourne Croatia 3-0 and jump from seventh to fourth place.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Socceroo midfielder Charlie Villani set up the first goal when he accepted a ball from Aurelio Vidmar inside the area and was brought down as the Croatia defence closed in on him.

Sergio Melta stepped up to take the penalty and buried the ball in the back of the net in the 10th minute.

It was 2-0 in the 24th minute when Joe Mullen scored.

Brian Northcote, making another NSL appearance on "almost one leg" flicked the ball to Villani on the right and his low cross took a deflection off a defender and Mullen was there to grab his chance.

Mullen was involved again in the third goal when Socceroo Alan Davidson brought him down inside the box.

Melta again took the spot-kick and it was 3-0 in the 29th minute.

A slight wind had assisted City in the first half, but it grew to swirling

and unpredictable proportions in the second period and at times assisted as well as hindered the Victorians and made it hard for the home team.

The chances were there for Croatia to get back into the game.

However, as in the first half, home goalkeeper Willie McNally was there when the chips were down.

He kned away a shot from Ian Wallace, saved a deflection from Josip Bisic and deflected a Jim Campbell effort in the first half.

Croatia turned on the pressure in the second half, and for once McNally was beaten by a low Wallace shot but watched Paul Wilde clear on the line.

Then with the powerful wind behind them Davidson sent over a shot from the right wing forcing McNally to tip the ball over for a corner.

This was followed by a low shot on the right from substitute Andy Humble but while McNally missed

out the ball hit his right hand post and went back into play.

Both teams had to field reshuffled defences because of suspension.

Croatia had Socceroo Robbie Dunn and Dave McIntosh out while City was minus Paul Shillabeer and Colin Miller.

While City coach Zoran Matic stuck to his first 11 choices, Croatia's Peter Ollerton sent on Willie Herd for Alan Scott in the 57th minute and Humble for Wallace in the 81st.

The latter showed touches of class which put him in the UK million dollar man transfer market but his team's finishing was nil and when it was, McNally was there.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Tobin, Nyakohus, Northcote, Melta, Santac, Villani, Vidmar, Mullen, Wilde, Vatsilias.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Hannah, Dobson, Davidson, Milosevic, Bisic, Scott (Herd 57), Wallace (Humble 81) Heya, Lewis, Campbell.

Referee: D.Campbell (Adelaide). Crowd: 4725. Yellow Cards: Campbell, Heya and Davidson (M.Croatia).

FOOTSCRAY SHOW THAT

BY GREG BLAKE

AN air of resignation hung like a veil over Schlinter Reserve before kick-off.

Sunday's clash between homeside Footscray and Apia had brought together the run-away League leader and a Footscray team struggling just to stay alive in the NSL.

A healthy crowd of over 2000 had turned up for the game but even they seemed to doubt that Footscray, without Crino, could match it with the Sydney Supremos.

The normally boister-

ous home fans were strangely subdued early and it seemed that they, like the local press, had come only to gawk at the marvels from North of the border.

Expected senario of a battling team being overcome didn't transpire and in the end it was injury-plagued Apia, who struggled away with a point.

In the biting winds of a dull, grey Melbourne afternoon Footscray nearly did the rest of the competition

an enormous favour by beating the leaders and Apia boss Rale Rasic acknowledged as much.

"We expected a hard match," he said.

"All credit to Footscray — championships are won and lost against bottom teams and they must be credited for their efforts."

Keep Apia at bay Footscray did — at least until half time.

But as the home side realised Apia was human after all and could be beaten the confidence rose and after the break it was the Blues who made

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APIA-L'hardt.....	16	9	7	-	24	12	25
Syd Croatia.....	16	8	3	5	26	15	19
Marconi.....	16	8	3	5	28	18	19
Adelaide City.....	16	5	7	4	24	14	17
Sydney Olympic.....	15	6	5	4	20	17	17
St George.....	16	7	3	6	17	18	17
Preston.....	15	5	6	4	19	15	16
South Melbourne.....	15	6	4	5	21	20	16
Melb Croatia.....	16	7	2	7	18	22	16
Brunswick.....	16	7	1	8	12	16	15
Footscray.....	16	4	4	8	8	23	12
Heidelberg.....	16	3	4	9	22	32	10
Sunshine.....	15	1	3	11	13	30	5

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Z Odzakov) drew with PRESTON 1 (S Smith) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4640.

ST GEORGE 2 (S Ollershaw, K Hagan) b SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5978.

BRUNSWICK 1 (S Lane) b SUNSHINE 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1000.

MARCONI 5 (F Farina 3, G Gomez, S Maxwell) b HEIDELBERG 1 (P Tsolakis) at Shepparton. Crowd: 3000.

FOOTSCRAY 0 drew with LEICHHARDT 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3000.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (S Melita 2, J Mullen) b MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 4725.

NSL TOP SCORERS

ROD BROWN	12	STEVE SMITH	6
APIA-Leichhardt		Preston	
FRANK FARINA	10	JOE MULLEN	6
Marconi		Adelaide City	
ROBBIE SLATER	9	JOHN KOSMINA	5
Sydney Croatia		Sydney Olympic	
PAUL LEWIS	8	PAUL WADE	5
Melbourne Croatia		South Melbourne	
GRAHAM ARNOLD	7	IAN WALLACE	5
Sydney Croatia		Melbourne Croatia	
RON CAMPBELL	7	SCOTT OLLERSHAW	5
Preston		St George	
LAWRIE MCKINNA	7	STEVE MAXWELL	5
Heidelberg		Marconi	
CHARLIE VILLANI	7	PETER TSOLAKIS	5
Adelaide City		Heidelberg	



ASW photographer LES SHORROCK was again in great form on the weekend. At left he captures Marconi's Lee Sterrey in a classic pose (but where's the ball, Les?). At right Marconi's Steve Maxwell shows his class on the ball.



MARCONI MAKE BERGERS PAY FOR SWITCH

BY LES SHORROCK

HEIDELBERG'S bold attempt to sell the National League to the country districts blew up in its face as it was hammered mercilessly 5-1 by Marconi at Deakin Oval in Shepparton.

The Soccer pitch, which occupied as much of the oval as possible, measured 94 yards wide and it suited Marconi's nippy attack to perfection, especially Frank Farina who had a field day.

Heidelberg coach John Margaritis staggered everyone when he included Alan Hunter in his line-up after declaring on the Friday that Hunter would be staying at home to play for the youth team for the second week in succession.

The slaughter started within the first minute.

The Lord Mayor of Shepparton had just left the pitch after the ceremonial kick off when Marconi won a free-kick on the left.

The ball was only half cleared and went to Farina who punished it with glee.

"That's the fastest goal I've ever seen in Soccer," said His Worship, who doesn't watch much Soccer, but obviously knows a good goal when he sees one.

I hope he didn't turn his back then on his way to the VIP room because the next goal, four minutes later, could hardly ever be bettered anywhere.

Steve Maxwell with absolutely acres of space to himself, sped down the right wing, looked up and crossed to an unmarked Farina who launched himself through the air and jet-propelled a header past poor Jeff Olver, who could only stand and marvel.

That was bad enough

but the roof fell in at the 30 minute mark, when Steve Marley had to make a desperate tackle on Gerry Gomez in the penalty area and Canberra referee Bob Marshall pointed to the spot.

Although Olver divied correctly, Farina's spot-kick was too powerful and that was 3-0 with another hour to go.

Peter Tsolakis bobbed up unexpectedly in front of Bruce James and popped one in and some Heidelberg fans wiped away the tears and prepared for the big comeback.

But the relief was only temporary and worse was to come.

Heidelberg paid treble for a foul by Andy Deeley on Farina. Deeley went over in the tackle and when he got to his feet angrily threw the ball in Farina's direction and was sent off.

Gerry Gomez took the free kick promptly and scored. The episode upset the Bergers and Steve Marley vented his disapproval to the referee, who sent him off, too.

I could go on about the fifth goal by Steve Maxwell and how Marconi hit the woodwork twice and how Olver saved brilliantly from Gomez, but I won't — why prolong the agony?

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Fraser (Kanesoulis H.T.), Marley, Hunter, Katsakidis, Valentine, Selemidis, Deeley, Anastasiadis, McKinna, Tsolakis.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Sterrey, Wheatley, Gunning, McCulloch (Nastevski 62nd), Gomez, Farina, Maxwell.

BROWN'S BACK!

ROD BROWN has been delivered from his international exile by Winfield Socceroo coach Frank Arok.

Arok last night chose the ginger-haired flier in the Sydney-based training squad in preparation for the Trans-Tasman series against New Zealand.

The 23-year-old has not been in the Socceroo scene for nearly two years and lost his place after "he decided to go bushwalking," stated Arok.

Brown, who was the subject of a \$32,000 move from Marconi to Lambert Park this year, was obviously thrilled and looking forward to clashing against his old club on the weekend.

"I'm as keen as anybody and prepared to give my all for the Socceroo," says Brown.

Meanwhile Tommy McCulloch has also been included and aims to get himself to peak fitness so as to claim a regular spot in the national side.

The full squad which

Lane converted the penalty awarded by referee John Houlin against George Cross central defender Sean Parton, for tripping Joe Palatsides inside the box.

Brunswick should have wrapped up the game in the first half, which they

will enter a training camp on August 18 is:

ZARKO ODZAKOV, GRAHAM ARNOLD, ANTHONY FRANKEN, WALLY SAVOR, GRAHAM JENNINGS (Sydney Croatia), JEAN PAUL de MARIGNY, MARK BROWN, ROD BROWN (APIA), PEDRO RICOY, MICHAEL GIBSON (St. George), PAUL CARTER, ROBBIE WHEATLEY, FRANK FARINA, STEVE MAXWELL, TOMMY McCULLOCH (Marconi), PETER RAS-KOPOULOS, TONY DAKOS (Sydney Olympic).

dominated fully, propelled along by their brilliant mid-



ROBBIE CULLEN (Brunswick Juventus)

fielder Scott Patterson.

The Zebras failed however to capitalise on their scoring opportunities, and had to wait 81 minutes before they could claim the points.

George Cross also created enough chances in the second half, and could have snatched the points if their forwards had been more accurate with their attacks.

With a drawn result looking quite likely, Brunswick netted the penalty to claim the points and earn some breathing space af-

ter their failures in previous outings to Sydney.

Sunshine players blamed their ill fate for failing to grab the equaliser in the dying seconds of the game, when opposition captain John Yzendoorn cleared off the line from a dangerous attempt by Paul Trimbole.

BRUNSWICK: Marama, Durakovic, Incantalupo, Yzendoorn, Brown, Patterson, Fabrizio, Palatsides, Lane, Zinni, McGrellis.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Marth, Bein, Parton, Campbell, Faulkner (Innes 70), Mitten, McLaren, Trimbole, Markovac. Referee: J. Houlin. Crowd: 1500.

SUNSHINE VANISHES WITH LANE GOAL

BY JAMES DOUGLAS

A LATE penalty by Sean Lane gave Brunswick Juventus a much-needed 1-0 win over bottom placed Sunshine George Cross at Olympic Park.

APIA ARE ONLY HUMAN

APIA STILL UNBEATEN

the running.

They sensed it on the terraces, too, as the demure barracking of the first half was replaced by a 2000 strong audience willing its team on to an upset.

The half chances of the opening 45 minutes gave way to some genuine openings with most falling to the homeside although Gary Ward should have headed APIA to a 52nd minute lead.

But Footscray, inspired by tenacious defensive work from Dimitrijevic, James and Campbell, and fired by lightning fast midfielder Tapai, took the game to the leaders until the final whistle.

In fact Footscray pressed hard for a winner in an inspired final bid to knock off the League front-runners and showed the type of form which should keep the club well clear of re-

legation for the remainder of the season.

Despite dropping a point, Apia would still have to do something exceptionally stupid to lose its grip on the title.

FOOTSCRAY: NIKITOVIC, Deankovic, Campbell, James, Dimitrijevic, Tapai Boznowski, Curovic, Murphy, Spink, Lujic.

APIA: Pezzano, Butler, de Marigny, M Brown, Bertogna, Bundalo, Zarvas, Katholos, Tredinnick, R Brown, Ward.

Referee: Jim Reeves. Attendance: 2200.

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THE 'Miss Melita Eagles Quest and Grand Ball' proved to be a fabulous night for the Soccer Club and the lovely winner was Miss Natalie Borg (pictured).

Natalie was privileged to receive her award from non other than Mr John Aquilina, the Minister for Youth and Community Services, who was one of the special guests on the night.



Natalie Borg receives her award from John Aquilina.

ASW congratulates Natalie, Audra Zammit (Miss Popularity Queen), Lorraine Hale (runner-up) and all the other beautiful contestants.



Other VIP's at the Quest and Ball were Mr Gaetan Pace (Consul of the Republic of Malta), Aid. Allan Hyam (Parramatta City Mayor) and John Constantine, NSW Soccer Federation president.

In all, the young ladies participating raised almost \$15,000 and over 600 people attended the Ball.

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GOAL SPREE FORGOTTEN

BY GRAHAM COOKE

ANY delusion of grandeur that might have remained from Inter Monaro's dozen goal wiping of Canterbury a fortnight ago, were dispelled on the return to the Marco Polo ground on Sunday.

Monaro was comprehensively beaten 3-0 by Warringah Freshwater and its error ridden performance was alarming enough to suggest that the relegation clouds have not yet lifted from Queanbeyan.

There were some excuses. Without the experience of Angelo Titilas and Joe Galletti the defence was ragged and with Angelo Ambrosino trying to patch things up in the back, the midfield lost much of its drive and aggression.

Freshwater was not a particularly skilful team. However it was workmanlike, rugged and prepared to take its chances with free-kicks, cautions and even send-offs.

The best on the field was midfielder Denis Corrigan. He seemed to be everywhere and it was no sur-

prise when he scored the only goal of the first half, a long low drive from the edge of the penalty area in the 37th minute.

Freshwater's second came six minutes after the interval when a cross caught goalkeeper Dennis Maric in two minds and Allan Dean headed home.

And Monaro was found still reorganising after the substitution of Andrew Monterosso by Rusiate Waga when Stuart Porter cracked in the third.

The last major act of the match came when Warringah's captain Jimmy Campbell, who had earlier been shown a yellow card for a crashing tackle on Ray Colbertaldo, was sent off for a similar challenge with Marko Perinovic.

INTER MONARO: Maric, Domazetovich, Arthur, B. Monterosso, Colbertaldo, Ambrosino, A. Monterosso (Waga 58th), Panabiano, Perinovic, Fernandez, Glampeolo.

WARRINGAH: Warren, Knight, Casacchia (Freund 88th), Corrigan, Radosevich, Gilligan, Campbell (sent off 61st), Driens, Porter, Dean, (Cleary 55th), Gale.

DEMONS BACK ON TRACK

RALPH MAIER, ex Australian Youth International, scored two goals at Hurstville Oval to pave the way for an easy 4-0 win by the Demons over hapless Rockdale Ilinden.

Following some poor performances of late Blacktown came back with a vengeance to completely outplay Rockdale, scoring two goals in each half.

Paul Kay started the rot as early as the seventh minute when he raced past some would be tackles before slotting his shot into the net.

Three minutes later Maier scored his first after following a cross from the right only to see one of

MORLANDO GOAL SAVES THE LEAGUE LEADERS

GIACOMO Morlando scored his fifth goal of the season in the dying seconds of the match at the Wollongong Showground and in the process gave Wollongong Wolves a hard fought victory over Sutherland.

This goal may prove the most important one of the season as Wolves cling to their one point lead at the top of the State Bank League table.

Sutherland defended very well and looked set to take one point until Morlando struck.

Canberra Griffins maintained its charge for the title with an easy 2-0 win over Manly Warringah at Cromer Park, while Blacktown City demolished Rockdale Ilinden at Hurstville by 4-0 with Ralph Maier scoring two goals.

Melita Eagles with four games left in the premiership may have kissed their chances goodbye following a drawn game at Melita Stadium against last placed Wollongong Macedonia.

Don't say I didn't warn you! Last year Wollongong Macedonia also took one point at Melita Stadium.

The surprise packet of the premiership is certainly Uruguayan Penrith. Last Sunday they demolished Canterbury Marrickville with Aytel Genc scoring two of the goals.

It was the third week in a row that Uruguayan has scored three goals in a game and it is a warning to Canberra before the Bruce Stadium encounter next week.

And what about Freshwater!

Ljubo Gokovic has been threatening for some time with a wallop and a 3-0 scoreline against Inter Monaro away from home is just the tonic Freshwater needed in the run to the finish.

Ku-Ring-Gai at long last took the points but not before Newcastle



ALEX VESIC
reviews the
NSW State
Bank League

missed some early openings.

And who will be relegated?

Peter Willis of Wollongong Macedonia is adamant that his club will survive!

But I am not sure that either of the other candidates, Manly Warringah or Canterbury Marrickville would agree.

Manly was beaten by Canberra but still has two games in hand while Canterbury has a three point advantage over Wollongong Macedonia.

EAGLES FALL OFF THE NEST

It was never going to be an easy game for Melita against the struggling Wollongong Macedonia at Melita Stadium last Sunday but few would have expected the side from the south to hold the Eagles.

Almost from the restart Macedonia struck back when Ljupco Daskovski slammed a great shot from some 16 metres giving Gosling no chance.

Eight minutes later Gosling made a great save from a Popovski shot.

Only a minute later Brown missed a sitter at the other end after some good work by Paul McFadden.

Brian Brown almost snatched the lead for the visitors after 59 minutes when he broke through to face Gosling. However his shot was just wide.

Ray Farrugia, who was on the park in place of Wellbourn during the second period provided the pass which almost gave Melita its second. Wayne Farnsworth raced past Muhlbauser but his shot was wide from only eight metres out.

Then came the shock!

A corner kick was well followed by Peter Ruskin who outjumped the Melita defence to head past Gosling.

Melita replied some six minutes later following yet another corner. Farnsworth to Wilson who chipped to McFadden and the nippy striker

was left with the simple task at the far post to make it 2-2.

MELITA: Gosling, Buchanan, Williams, Reveley, Wilson, Wellbourn (46th Farrugia), McFadden, Vial, G. Brown, Callanan, Farnsworth.

WOLLONGONG: Milenkovski, Muhlbauser, Campbell, Ruskin, Sweeney, Daskovski, Willis, Allport, Gardiner, Popovski, B. Brown.

RESULTS ROUND 22

KU-RING-GAI 3 (Kevern, Laurie, Jeffery) NEWCASTLE 1 (Mountford)
INTER MONARO 0 WARRINGAH 3 (Corrigan, Porter, Dean)
MANLY 0 CANBERRA 2 (Fernandez, Dennis og)
URUGUAYAN PENRITH 3 (Genc 2, Batten) CANTERBURY 0
ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 BLACKTOWN 4 (Maier 2, Cotton, Kay)
MELITA EAGLES 2 (Brown pen. McFadden) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 2 (Daskovski, Ruskin)
WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Morlando) SUTHERLAND 0

LEAGUE TABLE

WOLLONGONG C.	17	2	3	48-25	36
CANBERRA G.	16	3	3	46-16	35
BLACKTOWN C.	15	1	5	49-16	31
MELITA EAGLES	13	5	4	45-27	31
URUGUAYAN P.	9	3	10	40-38	21
SUTHERLAND	7	7	8	25-30	21
ROCKDALE	8	2	10	32-27	18
FRESHWATER	8	2	12	23-30	18
NEWCASTLE	8	2	12	33-41	18
KU-RING-GAI	6	5	11	24-31	17
INTER MONARO	6	5	9	39-48	17
CANTERBURY	4	5	12	20-52	13
MANLY WARR.	5	2	12	14-36	12
W'GONG MAC.	2	6	13	16-37	10

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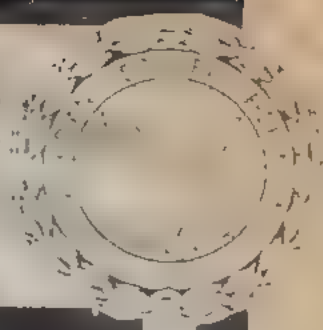


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POLONIA FACING RUSSIAN ROULETTE FINISH

BY LEE SWOROCK

GREEN GULLY'S failure to win at home once again has allowed Polonia to clear out to what could be a championship-winning lead.

But watch 66-1 dark horse Caulfield making a late rails run. Caulfield has not only closed to within two points of Green Gully, but it also probably will decide the destination of the title.

Caulfield plays Green Gully on Saturday in the match of the round, and still has to meet Polonia in

Round 28. And since Polonia must face final four contenders St Albans and Fawkner as well, it is clear that the battle is far from over. In fact it could still go right down to the wire on September 26.

At the other end of the table, although it is now certain that Broadmeadows is due for the

drop once again after only one year in top company, the question of who its companion in distress will be is far from clear.

Whilst Northcote looks the most likely, Frankston Pines and last season's champion Croydon City are slipping nearer to the abyss with every game. And don't discount Oak-

leigh, the season's big spenders, as relegation candidates either.

This week's games:

SATURDAY: Morwell Falcons v Croydon City, Caulfield City v Green Gully.

SUNDAY: Western Suburbs v Fawkner, Springvale City v Northcote City, Box Hill v St Albans, Polonia v Broadmeadows, Thomastown v Oakleigh, AIS v Frank-

GULLY SINK FURTHER INTO MIRE

TITLE contender Green Gully dropped another valuable championship point against lowly placed Springvale City and drifted further back from leaders Polonia Maribyrnong.

Gully were forced to share the points of an incident packed 1-1 draw, having battled with 10 men for 75 minutes.

Defence stalwart Pat McCluskey was given his marching orders after his

bone crunching tackle on Springvale defender Gary Hobson, who was carried off on a stretcher.

Gully were well poised after 90 seconds when former Brunswick Juventus striker Joe Sweeney out-

witted Dennis Boland with a header to give the home team the lead.

But the game slipped through their hands midway through the second half when Colin Quigley failed to convert a penalty.

Mike Kral fouled Danny Ward inside the box and the referee pointed to the spot.

The evergreen Boland parried Quigley's shot to

keep Springvale in the game.

Boland's display of confidence inspired his desperate team-mates and City mounted a series of blistering attacks. Poor finishing by Greg House and Garvey denied them the equaliser.

But Gully finally surrendered the point five minutes from full time. Robbie Stewart found himself at the end of an incisive attack and hammered the ball into the net to limit Gully's chances of winning the title.

Springvale City coach Bobbie McLachlan was content with the point his team collected from its formidable opponent.

"Full marks to Green Gully for their performance with 10 men," McLachlan said.

"We could have won the game if we had capitalised on our numerical superiority. But a point against Green Gully is a great result."

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, Cannell, Grimaud, McLelland, Quigley, Doyle, McCluskey, Cumming, Sweeney, Ward.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland, Bannon, Hobson (Rollemen 15th), Williams, Bissinger, Kral, Hennessey, Stewart, Garvey, Morrey, House.

MORWELL REAL MEAN

THE comprehensive 3-1 defeat for Oakleigh at the hands of Morwell Falcons was bad enough, but its repercussions could be far-reaching.

The attendance, Oakleigh's smallest for the season, told its own story. Oakleigh simply bolted out of the Victorian First Division last year with only one defeat, and had high hopes for a final four place at least this season.

But despite a massive spending spree on team-rebuilding, the side now hovers on the brink, and on Saturday it was easy to see why.

The relationship between recently appointed coach Tommy Robertson and the players is not too cordial. He thinks they lack dedication and they think too many sweeping changes are being made.

Whichever is right, the team is paying the price on the park. Park is a euphemism for the Caloola Reserve. It looks more like a paddock after they have lifted the spuds.

Morwell Falcons didn't take long to get on top on Saturday. They attacked from the start and after Johnny O'Callaghan had gone close, forced a corner when Oakleigh's jittery goalie Peter Malapanos fumbled the ball.

Effie Cassar's corner was only partially cleared and big Emil Bruns rose at the far post to nod the ball home. Bruns was making a welcome return after five weeks and what a difference he made... he was dominating.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Oakleigh had a glimmer of hope when golden boy Ally Dick scored a somewhat

fortunate equaliser. His header was caught under the bar by Morwell goalie Romeo Prezioso, but as Prezioso came down he took the ball over the line and referee Marek Moriont awarded a goal.

But the reprieve was shortlived. Five minutes later Morwell Falcons was back in front with a neat goal by Eric Sostak who dribbled past two defenders before planting the ball past the hapless Malapanos.

Robertson had had enough by then and sent on Peter Clarke to replace Malapanos but to no avail. Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor made one of those switches that sometimes elevate coaches to genius status. He sent on teenager Pat Bezzina to replace goalscorer Sostak, and with his first possession, Bezzina waltzed past two defenders and then cheekily chipped over Clarke's head for the third goal.

Back in the dressing-room, a delighted O'Connor was scratching his head and trying to remember when his team had scored three goals before. Whether he eventually remembered or not, it must have been a happy trip back to the Valley. Falcons won't figure in the final four, but they won't be relegated either.

OAKLEIGH: Malapanos (Clarke 78th), Laletas, Cumming, Cruttmacher, Langabury, Ross (Politis 70th), Paparasa, Gourilas, Irvine, Dick, Andriotis.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso, M. Cassar, Clarke, Turill, Bruns, Doyle, E. Cassar, O'Callaghan, Webster, A. Cassar (Wilson 78th), Sostak (Bezzina 80th).



Neil Garvey (no 8), Angie Filipou (centre) and Nick Delgiannis (no 9) fight for the ball.

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manbyrnong	22	14	5	3	36	22	33
Green Gully	22	10	10	2	33	21	30
Caulfield City	22	10	8	4	32	19	28
Fawkner	21	11	5	5	31	20	27
St. Albans	21	10	7	4	29	21	27
Western Suburbs	22	9	4	9	34	32	22
Thomastown	21	7	8	6	22	26	22
Morwell Falcons	22	6	9	7	25	23	21
Box Hill	21	6	7	8	28	21	19
Springvale City	21	5	9	7	23	25	19
Oakleigh	21	8	2	11	30	32	18
Croydon City	21	3	10	8	17	26	16
Frankston Pines	22	6	4	12	29	40	16
Northcote City	21	5	4	12	18	38	14
Broadmeadows	21	3	2	16	19	44	8

BROADMEADOWS 0 BOX HILL 6 (Hennessey 2, McArthur, Mori, McMillan, S.Blair og).

CROYDON CITY 0 Maribyrnong Polonia 1 (Storm).

FAWKNER 2 (Palinkas, Brown) AIS 4 (Welch 3, Polak).

FRANKSTON PINES 0 CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Koutos).

NORTHCOTE 0 THOMASTOWN 1 (Jankulovski).

OAKLEIGH 1 (Dick) MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Brun, Sostak, Bezzina).

GREEN GULLY 1 (Sweeney) SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Stewart).

ST ALBANS (1 Morovic) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Edwards).

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FORMER POLONIA COACH PAYS TRIBUTE TO TEAM

MARIBRYNONG Polonia continued to make every post a winner as it beat struggling Croydon City 1-0 with its own brand of disciplined defence allied to rapid counter-attack.

Croydon coach Miron Bleiberg paid tribute to the team that he left midway through the season saying that he thought they would sew up the championship in the next couple of weeks.

"Polonia made four attacks in the game," he said, "and could have scored three goals. As

long as they go on playing like that they will win the title.

"But if they open up, as they did against Green Gully, they will fail".

Speaking of his own team, Bleiberg says: "If we were a footy team, we'd be champions. But we aren't and we don't know how to score goals,

even though we dominate for 90 per cent of the game."

That was the story of this game. Polonia left two men up front and with four in midfield soaked up all the pressure Croydon put it under.

Then in a swift break-out they saw Jan Wycislyk put Kees Storm

through with only 'keeper Keith Waterman to beat and Storm doesn't miss many opportunities like those.

CROYDON CITY: Waterman, Brown, O'Reilly, Redmond, Tansey, Brack (French H.T.), Beech, Nelson, Brogan, O'Shea (Marshall 70th), Livingstone.

POLONIA: Kostazawa, Liplarski, Kotzamichalis, Bennett, Smolarek, Flavel, Nelson, Kakic, Czapnik, Wycislyk, Storm.

AIS AT IT AGAIN

THOSE whiz-kids from Canberra did it again last Sunday, whipping Fawkner 4-2.

Ron Smith's outfit was awesome, especially after Fawkner had taken an early lead through veteran forward Joe Palinkas.

The former Footscray forward displayed his renowned skills after five minutes to drive the ball past Gunning into the net.

Unperturbed by the goal the whiz-kids gradually moved into top gear with Paul Walsh and Jason Pollak providing the driving power.

Walsh netted the equaliser after 17 minutes while Pollak's goal was described by Ron Smith as the best of the year.

Fending off numerous challenges with deft footwork Pollak let fly from 18 metres giving Wilson no chance.

The goal was the turning point in the game. The Institute resumed with a vengeance and sealed the game with a four-minute scoring spree.

Walsh found his path to the net for the second time after 75 minutes, and four minutes later celebrated his hat-trick with another

brilliant goal.

Fawkner added some respectability to the score three minutes before full time when former Heidelberg striker Doug Brown netted an opportunist goal to produce the final scoreline.

The game rated among the best for the year and soccer was the undisputed winner on the day.

Smith was delighted with the performance of his team.

"As far as I'm concerned today's game was our best performance for the year," he said. "It was a delight to watch because it was free-flowing and played in the right spirit."

"Full credit must be given to Fawkner because they were one of the few State League teams that played natural attacking football against us - on both occasions."

FAWKNER: Wilson, Walsh, Bordignon, Fattore, Fera, Verechia, Palinkas, Sebetino, Tuffield, Stenson, Brown.

AIS: Gunning, Healy, Clarkson, P. Walsh, Cumming, Koch, Gibson, Pollak, P. Foster, C. Foster, Emma.

HILLMEN BANG IN A NAIL

HAPLESS Broadmeadows took another step towards relegation as it was thrashed at home by Box Hill to the tune of 6-0.

The home side had the wind behind it in the first half and went in only one goal down at the break - and that an own goal. Stewart Blair tried to clear a hard cross and only succeeded in heading into his own net.

After the interval, however, the floodgates opened. A long clearance by Alan Roodhouse found Jim McBride by Broadie's far post and his back-header was intelligently anticipated by Dean Hennessy, who crashed the ball home past Ramazan Ereumer.

Next to get his name on the scorer's sheet was Stewart McArthur, who hit one home from the edge of the penalty area, then Andy McMillan scored following a corner that Broadie failed to clear.

Dean Hennessy scored what was probably the best goal of the game with a blistering drive from fully 30 yards out, and substitute Damien Mori completed the rout 10 minutes from the end in a goal-mouth scramble.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, McArthur, Hird, McMillan, Roodhouse, Davidson, Hennessy, Brimmer, Burton, McBride (Mazzagatti 70th), Campbell (Mori ht).

BROADMEADOWS: Ereumer, Smart, D. Blair, Donaldson, Higham (sent off), S. Blair, Vizzini, Williams, Clantar, Nolan, Kostas.

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

VIC STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY AUGUST 15th 10th
Morwell Falcons v Croydon City, Caulfield City v Green Gully

VIC STATE LEAGUE SUNDAY AUGUST 16th
Western Suburbs v Fawkner, Springvale City v Northcote City, AIS v Frankston Pines, Box Hill v St Albans, Maribyrnong v Broadmeadows, Thomastown v Oakleigh

VIC LEAGUE DIV 1 SATURDAY AUGUST 15th 10th
Nunawading City v Bulleen, Essendon City v Knox City, Doncaster Rovers v Altona Gate

SUNDAY AUGUST 16th
Albion Rovers v St Mordalsloc, Richmond v Sunbury United, Melbourne v Werribee, Ringwood City v North Dandenong

VIC LEAGUE DIV 2 SATURDAY AUGUST 15th 10th
North Geelong v Prahran City, Mornington v Ringwood United, Westgate v Sandringham, Doveton v Hamlyn Rangers, Mooroolbark v Dandenong City, Eltham v Waverley City, Clifton Hill v Altona City

VIC LEAGUE DIV 3 SATURDAY AUGUST 15th 10th
Springvale United v Yarraville, Rosanna v West Brunswick, Moorabbin City v Yallourn, Corio-Geelong United v Fernside Gully, Geelong v Bell Park, Clarendon v Keilor, Port Melbourne v Moreland Park Rangers

VIC LEAGUE DIV 4 SATURDAY AUGUST 15th 10th
Prahran v Williamstown, Laor United v Pascoe Vale, Hawthorn v Essendon, Langwarrin v East Brunswick, Keysborough v Karingal United, Holland Park v Boronia, Diamond Valley Utd v Coburg

CAULFIELD CUP RUNNETH OVER

CAULFIELD emerged as a strong title threat with this 1-0 win over Frankston Pines at Monterey Reserve, but it took a long time to assert its superiority. Although it dominated territorially, it wasn't until the 72nd minute that it got the ball in the net, and then through the unlikely agency of tall defender Angie Koutos.

In a goalmouth scramble Koutos eventually managed to scramble the ball over the line. Pines coach Danny McMinimee, whilst acknowledging that Caulfield deserved to win, was unhappy about the goal, claiming that his goalkeeper Brank Radov had been impeded.

McMinimee was also emphatic that his team, despite all the many traumas the club has undergone this year, was not facing relegation. "We will definitely not be relegated," he said. "Next week we go to Canberra to play AIS, which takes the pressure off a bit, and by the following week we will have a full

strength squad available again."

Caulfield secretary George Zafiroopoulos, whilst delighted that his team had climbed into third place, was nevertheless refusing to be carried away.

"We are taking it one game at a time," he said. "Next week's match against Green Gully is a big hurdle and we aren't looking beyond that for the moment."

FRANKSTON PINES: Radov, Thurlow, McDonough, Bentley (Buchanan 75th), Bozic, Paulding, Riley, Smith (Watson 70th), Armstrong, Ferris, Miller (sent off 75th).

CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer, Bitsonis, Koutos, Harris, Michell (Tsitiridis 50th), Hamakiotis, Peppas, Deligiannis, Fillipou, Abraam (Sahindis 75th).

WESTS WALTZ ON MERRY WAY

WESTERN SUBURBS extended their unbeaten record to six weeks, following Sunday's 1-1 draw against mighty St Albans.

The 1-1 result was flattering in that the home team was by all accounts outplayed by a more desperate opponent.

But it only takes a minor lapse of concentration for a game to change direction.

After a tense struggle in the first half in which St. Albans' game plan of soaking up pressure and counter-attacking was used to good effect, Suburbs never let up after the break.

Prolific goalscorer Andy Edwards and his partner Darren Tuck were creating havoc in St Albans area but failed to break the defensive wall.

Edwards broke the deadlock five minutes before full time with a solo run. The skilful forward evaded two tackles and slotted the ball into the net through a maze of legs.

On the stroke of full-time St Albans grabbed the equaliser through Dennis Morovic. The lurking forward came from nowhere to head home a free kick.

Suburbs are hoping luck will be on their side in the weeks to come and make the top four.

ST. ALBANS: Grgic, M Cullina, Kuzman, Krajevic, Dregovic, Duzel, Kelic (Gaula), B.Cullina, Morovic, Runje, Rastocic.

W.SUBURBS: Kardamitsis, McLeod, Hamill, Dimovski, Esposto, Cullen, Stefanidis, Pearce (Kountouris), Tuck, Edwards, Minh.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA FUNCTION

PRESTON Makedonia has arranged for a special luncheon at their clubrooms (near Connor Reserve, Preston) next Monday August 17.

Organiser Chris Jankulovski said that the timing is to be prior to their major promotion of the game against Adelaide City for Sunday August 30.

There will be a big gathering of media per-

sonnel at the dinner.

In addition a special two page, colour spread will be featured in the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY issue of Wednesday August 26, giving up to the minute details of the game.

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PANATHINAIKOS TO TOUR AUSTRALIA

By JOHN ECONOMIDES

PANATHINAIKOS, Greece's star-studded First Division club which recently paid \$200,000 for Chris Kalantzis, expects to come to Australia next year.

Panathinaikos, the only side from Greece to make it to a European Cup Final, (Wembley Stadium in 1971 and defeated by Dutch side Ajax), has already outlaid megabucks on new signings for the coming season.

The Greek League

finishes on May 15th, 1988 and Panathinaikos officials anticipate that their club could tour Australia next June or very early July.

The club also made it very clear that they would be very willing to play an exhibition match against

Sydney Olympic.

It also stated that all of the gate proceeds from such a match, would be given to the Sydney club, as a generous bonus for the successful signing of Kalantzis from Sydney Olympic.

Such an offer from Panathinaikos was not a contractual contingency for the transfer of Kalantzis.

Sydney Olympic's President, Mr Tom

Doumanis said last night: "While I was over in Greece for transfer negotiations of Kalantzis, I was made this promise by Panathinaikos officials on July 31st.

"The club's billionaire President, Mr George Vardinogiannis, personally disclosed to me that Panathinaikos could easily be here next year."

The arrival of this famous Greek giant club, so well known throughout Europe, would ensure huge crowds in both Melbourne and Sydney.

NSW WOMENS LEAGUE

By THERESA DILLON

EPPING-EASTWOOD snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in their match against Pagewood.

Epping took the lead in the opening minutes with the well taken goal by Chrissie James. Epping continued to pressure Pagewood and missed a lot of opportunities in front of goal.

In the second half Pagewood got the upper hand and Julie Dolan equalised from a corner. Epping again had their chances to seal the match but the Pagewood keeper and de-

fence did enough to spoil Eppings attacks. With only two minutes remaining in the match Kim Lembryk scored the winning goal from a solo run.

Parramatta City were defeated 3-2 by Putney Town. Putney went into a 3-0 lead before Parramatta pulled two goals back.

The score was 1-0 to Putney at halftime and a great second half by both teams saw four goals being scored. It was one of Parramatta's better performances against Putney this season. Putney's Leigh Wardell

scored one of the best goals this year from an individual run which put the Parramatta keeper the wrong way for her to score.

Manly scored an upset win over Blacktown City, beating them 2-0. Manly displayed more commitment in their game and put in a very good gutsy performance.

RESERVE GRADE: Epping Eastwood and Pagewood had a 1 all draw. Pagewood had a chance to wrap up the game but missed from the penalty spot.

Parramatta City had a very close game going down 2-1 to Putney and Blacktown City defeated Manly 5-1.

NSW THIRD DIVISION

By WES SARINA

FOLLOWING their home defeat by Rooty Hill, 1985 and 86 grand final winners North Ryde look certain to be relegated.

The 4-0 scoreline was a fair reflection of the play although Hill were fortunate that Norths' keeper had a horror.

Goal scorers for Hill were Mitchell (2), Terry Jones and an own goal. Jones turned in a superb performance and was the outstanding player on the field.

For Norths, Spice and Bleiker were tirelessly and with more support could have made matters interesting.

At Seymour Shaw, Port Hacking jolted University's premiership challenge with a surprise 1-0 win. Playing counter-attacking football the homieside overcame a marked territorial disadvantage thanks largely to the display of keeper Smith and the students' inability to finish.

Barton again showed a flash of his ability with the only goal of the match in the 85th minute.

Controlling a long ball touched into his path he

outstripped the defence before coolly slotting home.

The students must now beat Wests in Sunday's match of the round to remain in premiership contention.

West outlasted a plucky Concordia at Arlington in a match marred by the sending off of two players. Gauci scored the only goal in the 15th minute after leadup from Sharpe.

The dismissals happened early in the second half and reduced Concordia to nine men. Surprisingly they continued to take the game to Wests in a courageous display.

On the other hand the visitors failed to capitalise on their two man advantage although hitting the woodwork several times.

Concordia keeper Gardiner had an excellent game while Wests were best served by Newson and Gauci.

Undoubtedly the shock of the weekend was Moorebank's effort in

claiming three of four points from Granville-Chile over two games.

Employing close-marking tactics, the revitalised Moorebank stunned the homieside when Lewis netted from close range after 15 minutes of the Saturday clash.

Spurred by a brilliant exhibition of goalkeeping from Ellison, Moorebank outdid themselves. Clark wrapped up the points with a scorching long range effort mid way through the second half.

The return Sunday match proved to be equally entertaining, with neither side showing any ill effects from the previous day.

The large crowd witnessed a tense struggle between the evenly matched teams.

Although holding a slight advantage, Granville were again unable to beat Ellison who saved his second penalty in two days and his third in three matches.

SOCCKER... UGH!

By

FRANK SCHLUNA

SOCCKER... I loathe it. I'm not talking about the game itself, just that meaningless word which supposedly describes the round ball code — Australian SOCCER Weekly, World SOCCER, Australian SOCCER federation and so on.

Whatever happened to good old fashioned FOOTBALL? Somehow, the only real code of football has surrendered its title to Rugby League, Union and most ludicrous of all Australian Rules — a game that resembles basketball and aerial ping-pong more than anything else.

Maybe this little pet hate of mine is only a minor matter, but I fail to see why our game should 'prostitute' its proper name for one which was coined as a matter of identification convenience. Let the other codes call themselves what they like, I for one shall stick to the proper title whenever possible and will endeavour not to revert to the name that was forced upon or code.

N.B. Australian SOCCER Weekly would like nothing better than to be known as something akin to Australian FOOTBALL Weekly, it would probably be considered a publication covering something like aussie rules or league. A sad sign of the times...

BERRIES SACK THEIR COACH

By JOHN ECONOMIDES

CANTERBURY have parted company with coach George Barboutis after a succession of losses that have plunged the Berries into third last position in the NSW State Bank League.

Last Sunday, Canterbury suffered their eighth successive loss, going down 3-0 to Uruguay.

Immediately after the match, by mutual agreement, the two parted and centre-back, John Radman, was appointed caretaker coach.

Canterbury have struggled all year and have collected only 13 points, scoring 20 goals and con-

ceding a massive 52.

Canterbury's President, Mr Con Fondas told ASW last night: "It is most unfortunate, but we were in no position to be able to help George with new signings as our club just cannot afford it."

Barboutis is a former Pan Hellenic centre-back and was drafted into the Australian squad back in 1974 by Rale Rasic.

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off with a shot to bring up the equaliser.

Jurek Drys scored the winning goal with a stunning volley from about 20 metres out which curled wickedly into catching the goalkeeper out of position.

QUEENS PARK NORTH BANKSTON

An entertaining game

with a result that went against the run of play.

Frank Leyden hit the bar with a header in the first half, the only goal coming from Mick Hanratty.

In the second half Queens Park failed to convert there many chances and North Bankstown wrapped it up eight minutes from the end with their only real chance in the game.

Third graders Stuart Ashburner and Avi Ronen did very well in Queens Park's best game for many weeks.

POLONIA 2 DEE WHY 1

IN a surprisingly even game Dee Why scored first against Polonia and held that lead 30 minutes into the game.

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MARCONI: Back Row (left to right): Roberto Vierl (Coach), Steven Calderan, Geoff Gunning, Craig Mason, Tony Henderson, Bruce James, Gerry Gomez, Ian Gray, Zlatko Markovski, Pedro LaMaison (Masseur), Frank Scicluna (Gear Steward). Kneeling (left to right): Joe Rizzotto, Alvaro Perdomo, (now Canterbury), David Lowe, Mark Jankovics (retired), Peter Tredinnick (now APIA), Lee Sterrey, Paul Carter, Giuseppe Russo. Absent: Robert Wheatley, Steve Maxwell and Frank Farina.

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Front Row: Mark Brown, Arno Bertogna, Ron Orsatti, Joe Prestia (club president), Burin Zajmi, Terry Butler.



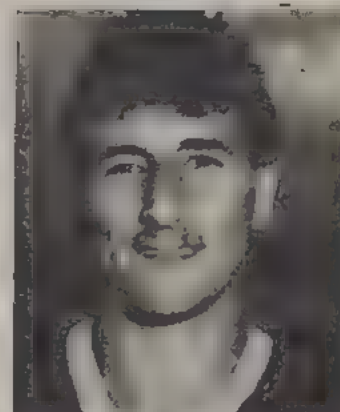
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CAULFIELD AIMS FOR IMPOSSIBLE DREAM!

BY LES SHORROCK

THIS week, Caulfield faces what could be the biggest game of its short history, when it takes on Green Gully.

If it wins, it will have taken a big stride towards what at one time would have been the impossible dream, winning the State League championship.

Caulfield is a very homely club, which has a refreshing air of simplicity about it.

Its administrators are all working men and proud of it, and they get stuck into whatever needs doing around the club without making any bones about it.

But unpretentious or not, Caulfield suddenly finds itself in a situa-



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tion where it virtually holds the destination of the title in its hands.

After this week's game with second-placed Green Gully it still has to face leader Polonia in Round 28. These two games could decide the championship.

Without the heavy financial backing of some of its rivals, Caulfield has nevertheless invested shrewdly to get where it is today.

It imported a player whom most judges rate the best centre-back in the League, Paul Harris, and through its old-boy network connection with Heidelberg and South Melbourne, it has picked valuable players like Pepe Abraam, John Bitsonis, Con Pappas and Nick Deligiannis.

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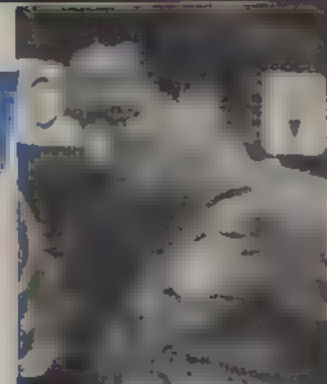
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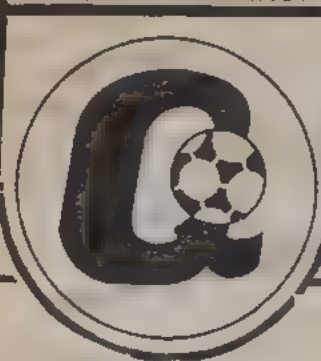
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LIONS NO MATCH FOR THE STARS

NORTH Star picked up the first major trophy of the season proper when they defeated Brisbane Lions on penalties in the XXXX League President's Cup final at Perry Park a week ago.

While the defeat was no doubt a blow to Lions' hopes of winning the league, it certainly was as painful as the match was for the supporters who turned out to watch what was billed as a clash of the giants.

Apart from the opening 20 minutes when only superb goalkeeping from Lions youngster Jason Kearton kept out two fine Phil Mulvey headers, the game was a bore. It came as no surprise when it ground out to an 0-0 draw, forcing the penalties.

North Star lifted the trophy when keeper Noel Lord, standing in for usual No.1 selection Dave Gallagher, saved Bob McSkimming's kick and then a turn later Brett Druery missed to give North Star and unbeatable 4-3 lead in the shootout.

It was the second time North Star had beaten Lions this season. North Star won 2-1 in the league in the first round and now are confident about taking the points in what will be a premiership decider when the two clubs clash in the second round at Richlands on August 30.

The President's Cup carried no premiership points and proved even more costly than having their pride dented for Lions.

Star striker Dave Wheeler, who was signed mid-season from Coalstars, injured his hip in the match and later was diagnosed to have a stress fracture in his pelvis. He is expected to be on the sidelines for up to two months.

"It's disappointing to do it in a game like the President's Cup because it doesn't count for anything. I've got to give it complete rest or I'll be risking permanent injury," Wheeler said.

Wheeler is seeking a second opinion on the injury, but has vowed to regain fitness in time for the NSL promotional play-offs — if Lions qualify.

While the President's Cup proved to be a bore, the earlier Intermediate Cup final, between Division Two first round leaders Croatia and Juventus, was a thriller.

Croatia stand-in keeper Mile Matic was the hero of the night, saving four penalties — one in normal time and three in the shootout.

Croatia took the Cup 3-1 in the penalty shootout after an open, entertaining and attacking 90 minutes of football had ended in a 2-2 draw.

FRANKLY IT'S MENGOTTI

QUEENSLAND and Brisbane City fullback Frank Mengotti is the new favorite to win the Queensland Rothman's best and fairest medal.

Mengotti has rocketed into calculations following the recent send-off of North star sweeper Billy Williamson, who was considered to have a mortgage on this year's medal after a string of top performances throughout the year.

With Mount Gravatt's outstanding Queensland midfielder Martin Kirsopp also out of the running after being sent off, Mengotti looms as an even money favorite.

The City captain has repeatedly been his side's best in an undefeated 10-match run and surely he must have collected a host of valuable three-pointers.

Mengotti at this stage of the season refuses to accept his medal favoritism but concedes the gold medallion is a Soccer honor he would dearly love to win.

And if the versatile Mengotti wins the award in October, his on-market value is certain to soar.

Already Mengotti is likely to be the hottest property on the Queensland market if either Lions or North Star make the NSL. Almost certain both clubs will beat a path to his door if they make the national league.

Azzurri Brisbane City coach Juan Cutillas, has no delusions about Mengotti's worth to his side and rates the 24-year-old as "the best sweeper in Queensland." Cutillas is aware other clubs are interested in his charge and will be recommending in the strongest possible terms for his club to keep Mengotti at Spencer Park.

"He is vital to our team next year if we are to make the NSL in 1989. We will be doing everything we can to keep him at Spencer Park.

And I believe Frank will want to stay because he knows he is in a team that can make the NSL," Cutillas said.

At Left: City's FRANK MENGOTTI shows his anguish after a near miss in Brisbane.



Ref's strike back!

QUEENSLAND referees have fronted the Queensland Soccer Federation to protest against growing criticisms over the standard of match officials.

The referees also were upset over what they considered were lenient penalties for recent assaults and appear to have made their message.

The QSF disciplinary last week took a tough line on two players, outing one for the remainder of the season and another until May next year.

In a letter the referees handed to the management committee, they expressed concern over what they felt was the slow but constant denigrating of their authority.

"A corner stone of the spirit and word of the laws of Soccer is that the referees decision is final and must be accepted, we feel that criticism by prominent and respected figures in the game is having the effect of undermining this authority. If players take to our Soccer fields with the notion in their head that their coaches and senior colleagues believe that the referees and linesmen are not going to be able to ensure them that the game is safe and fair for them, then it is likely to take little provocation to lead to them concluding that the coaches are correct. Referees will find it increasingly difficult to earn respect and authority," the referees stated.

At this stage the QSF has appealed to club officials and coaches to think before opening their mouths, but have stopped short of implementing rules as used in other codes where criticism of match officials is completely banned.

"Personally, I don't think that is a realistic alternative at this stage," said QSF executive director Alan Vessey.

Queensland Soccer referees Federation president, Roger Marshall, who has made great strides in bringing referees closer to the game in recent times, said he was pleased with the lines of communication set up with the QSF.

"I think we have made our point, and hopefully we can all work together to sort out any problems," he said.

But meanwhile, Taringa Rovers XXXX League coach Iain Kesson has fired a broadside at Queensland match officials and directly blamed the referee and linesman for contributing towards his team's recent 5-0 defeat by Mount Gravatt.

"The quality of the game will never improve until the refereeing does, until referees stamp out the choppers, Soccer will just go downhill," Kesson said.

Kesson claimed "officialdom" was killing the Queensland game and attributed the first three goals in his side's 5-0 defeat to doubtful refereeing decisions.

"The first 20 minutes was the most diabolical performance of referees I have seen in 20 years. My team was destroyed by the match officials," Kesson said.



Redland's striker BARRY KELSO steps out during a XXXX State League match against Rochdale.

COMEBACK ROB!

QUEENSLAND goalkeeper Rob Farrow, who broke his leg in the Maroons' match against Auckland in May, hopes to play before the end of the season.

At this stage the 24-year-old is looking only to appear in either the Lions XXXX League reserves, Colts or even thirds. But he considers it imperative to his comeback to play at least one game before the end of the year.

"I just want to get one match under my belt before playing against next year. I don't want to be in the position where I have not played since May and then have to front up next year for my first match back," Farrow said.

Farrow had his cast taken off a fortnight ago and doctors have advised him to take up swimming and have given

him a set of exercises to strengthen his cracked shin. But in a minor setback, x-rays last week showed the crack was still evident and the big keeper will have to tread lightly over coming weeks.

While he has been sidelined, Lions youngster Jason Kearton has made the most of his unexpected chance. Although one or two mistakes have proven costly — as generally they do for keepers — the youngsters has had some brilliant matches and certainly won't surrender his position back to Farrow easily.

But Farrow, a former Acacia Ridge player, remains confident he can win back his Lions and Queensland place next year. Dave Gallagher has taken over the Maroons No.1 shirt.

"It will be back to square one next year. Whoever is playing well at the time will be chosen, just like what happened this year," Farrow said.



SUPER LEAGUE LEADERS

WITH last weekend's series still to be taken into account, Highfields Azzurri held the lead in the Coca-Cola Under-13 and Under-14 Junior Super League competitions, while Adamstown Rosebud was the front-runner in the Under-16 premier-ship.

In the Under-13 grade, the semi-finalists seem certain to come from Highfields 37, Weston Bears 30, Lake Macquarie City 28, Maitland Magpies 24, and Cardiff 20.

The Under-14 final four are all but decided with Highfields on 36, West Wallsend and Weston Bears on 33 and Austral United on 31.

Adamstown Rosebud is the potential Under-16 premier. Adamstown is on 34 points, followed by Austral United on 26, Weston Bears on 23, Central Coast and Lake Macquarie on 19 and Highfields Azzurri on 18.

The NNSW Summary

WITH DAVE WILLIAMS

BELMONT-SWANSEA United took the edge off Highfield's Azzurri's drive towards the semi-finals with a convincing 4-0 win at Whitebridge on Sunday in the Tooheys State First Division premiership.

The loss left Azzurri, with three games to go on 24 points in fifth place, one behind Austral United which has a game in hand.

Azzurri coach Richard Hartley conceded that his team had been outplayed and now had a hard road to hoe to reach the final four.

Dale Robertson, Graham Hills and Ian Johns gave the Belswans a half-time lead of 3-0 and Peter Winsor turned the Azzurri central defence inside out before adding the final indignity 10 minutes from fulltime.

Azzurri lost Ross Wells through a leg injury before the break. But by then, the Belswans were in command.

Belmont-Swansea, at full strength, was too powerful all round.

Wallsend caused the biggest upset of the series with its 2-1 win over West

Wallsend at Johnson Park.

Michael Kerby and Peter Bush were Wallsend's goal scorers while Brett Porter scored for the loser.

Central Coast had Garth Mitchell sent off in the match at Plum Park to add to the misery of its 2-0 loss to Lake Macquarie City.

Goals by Kerry Caban and Steve Piggott secured the Lake Macquarie win.

Andrew Tonks scored the only goal of the match at Austral Park where Austral United virtually ended Weston's semi-final hopes.

In the Saturday match, a Tony Robb goal put Cardiff in front of competition leader Adamstown Rosebud. But that wasn't a wise move against the premiership favourite and Sean Ingham made certain of Rosebud's three point margin at the top of the table with a hat-trick that sent his personal tally to 16, four ahead of Ian Johns.

Points Table: Adamstown 37 Belmont-Swansea 34 West Wallsend 27 Austral United 25 Highfield Azzurri 24 Lake Macquarie 19 Highfields 17 Cardiff 14 Central Coast 11.

INGHAM LEADS JOHNS

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

WITH three series of the Tooheys Northern NSW State First Division premiership remaining before the semi-finals, Adamstown Rosebud striker Sean Ingham is the division's leading goalscorer with a two-goal margin over Belmont-Swansea United's Ian Johns.

At the time of writing Ingham, the former Newcastle United player who joined Sydney City before that club folded earlier in the year, was at the top of the list with 13.

Johns, who played for several seasons with Adamstown before transferring to the Belswans, was on 11.

Austral United's Robert Holden must have been frustrated last season when he failed to score. But this year, his 10 goals are a just reward for his high workrate.

The Adamstown pair, John McQuarrie and David Bock, follow with seven apiece, along with Central Coast's Paul Corbett.

Next in line are Brett Porter (West Wallsend) and Peter Winsor (Belmont-Swansea).

It was also close at the top of the Second Division at the time of going to press, with Darren

Stewart, who broke into National League football with Newcastle Rosebuds, moved to Apia-Leichhardt and then returned to Toronto-Awaba, leading the field with 13.

Bruce Dowling (Port Macquarie) was one goal behind, the 11, while Tony Butler (Cessnock City) had scored 10.

FAMILY AFFAIR

BROTHERLY love was forgotten momentarily when the Dorman pair, Steve and Scott, clashed in the Adamstown Rosebud-Belmont-Swansea United scoreless draw at Blacksmiths on August 2.

Steve, Adamstown's present 'keeper and Scott, a midfielder or fullback, are the sons of

Rosebuds' former classy goalkeeper, Jim Dorman.

Steve and Scott were caught off guard when both raced in to cut off a Belmont-Swansea attack late in the game.

Their combined effort stopped the move, but Steve emerged from the collision with a cut eye that required four stitches after he left the field about four minutes from the end.



SEAN INGHAM

U16 SQUAD FOR MURWILLUMBAH

NORTHERN NSW Under-13 team coach Alan Williamson has included three players from outside the Newcastle area in his squad of 16 to contest the 1987 Australian championship.

The Under-13 tournament will be held this year at Murwillumbah, in September.

Williamson said that he had a strong squad which he believed would acquit itself well.

The three boys from outside the Newcastle region are Gregg Stacey (Central Coast), Mark Hathway (New England) and Stephen Foster (Lismore).

Also in the touring party are: Troy Fletcher, Danny Cummings, Adam Hellyer, Darren White and Brad Van Epen (Highfields Azzurri); Adam Sanderson, George Safouris, Shane Price (Adamstown), Michael Brzozski, Troy Halpin (West Wallsend); Michael Johnson (Weston). The two goalkeepers are Russell Emslie (Highfields Azzurri) and Geoff Callinan (West Wallsend).

The team manager is Mr Jim Parry.

Wolves on prowl with . . .

RED AND WHITE ARMY

WHILE Wollongong City have been staking their claim for a return to the NSL their loyal supporters have been making their mark at State Bank League grounds between Canberra in the south and Newcastle in the north.

"It was the same in Canberra where we won 1-0 after playing 82 minutes with 10 men and they really got behind us that day."

Team manager Len Chafer said the interest among travelling supporters has been great this season "We find we get

more encouragement for the side away from home," he said. "The supporters at home games are basically

the same people but they seem to be more vocal when they travel."

Chafer said the bus trips to away games are always solidly booked and many others travel by car to back their team.

They don't have too much more trips to make because in the last four rounds, Wollongong are away only once — to Kurragai on Sunday week.

This Saturday night they tackle Melita at Wollongong Showground in what is likely to be the real "crunch" match.

Melita are the last team to have beaten Wollongong at time of writing and the players are keen to make amends.

The Wolves' red and white army have "marched" many kilometres in support of their team, and

captain Jeff Ainsworth says they certainly make their presence felt.

Ainsworth praised the loyalty of the team's fans after the 2-0 away win over Newcastle recently.

"They certainly made a lot more noise than the Newcastle supporters and the players appreciate them travelling so far, particularly for a night game," Ainsworth said.

EDDIE GETS AXE

WARILLA Wanderers have sacked coach Eddie Mullan with three rounds of the Premier League competition to go, after Mullan recently gave up a holiday with his family in the UK to guide the club in to the semi-finals.

Mullan was axed after Warilla lost 2-0 to Tarrawanna, leaving the team a point outside the top four.

Club officials indicated they were unhappy with Mullan's team selection.

Mullan said he had no axe to grind with the club. "They hired me and they fired me; it's as simple as that," he said.

"I only wish they had decided three weeks earlier so I could have gone overseas with my wife, Marjorie, and the kids.

"At that stage I decided to stay home to do the right thing by Warilla."

Ironically, six weeks earlier Mullan had resigned the coaching job after officials tried to pressure him in to selecting players they wanted in the team.

Mullan said while he was coach he would pick the teams and resigned on the spot, hours before Warilla took on leaders South Coast Croatia.

The team he originally selected went out and outclassed Croatia 4-1 and that evening the same Warilla officials went to his home to talk him in to returning to the club.

Mullan said Warilla's supporters have their favourite players and have been demanding the committee use these players in recent weeks.

"One of the players they seem to think can work wonders is Peter Frino and I dropped him from the team which played Tarrawanna," Mullan said.

"There are other players involved but it is obvious dropping Frino for that game was the straw that broke the camel's back."

Mullan said he is disappointed by the whole thing and will never take on a coaching job in Soccer again. "I will become a spectator from now on," he said.

FOOTNOTE: Three days after his sacking Mullan was on a plane heading for England to link up with his family. He didn't give them a warning and just "walked in on them at a relative's home in Corby."

A REF'S LOT

A MAJOR controversy surrounded the recent sending off of talented Bulli midfielder Warren Baker in the 1-1 draw against Port Kembla.

Baker was given his marching orders 15 minutes from the end by referee Mario Mastroianni and it started a chain reaction.

Bulli immediately lodged a letter demanding a judiciary hearing for Baker rather than "cop" the automatic two-game suspension for foul and abusive language.

Mastroianni said after the game that was what Baker was sent off for and he had no hesitation in showing the red card.

Bulli officials claimed the referee's attitude towards players in recent times have caused on-field problems for him and in turn for some clubs.

It was alleged Mastroianni shows no diplomacy at all towards players and his manner brings causes the players to react.

Two years ago, Bulli and Mastroianni were involved in an incident at Slacky Flat when coach Norm Flanagan was forced to replace Baker at half-time to avoid a confrontation.

Flanagan said at the time Baker felt he was being intimidated by the referee.

Other clubs have written letters to the ISA over incidents involving Mastroianni. The referee was suspended at one stage last season.

In the most recent incident Baker's case was to have been heard 10 days after the game but Association president and judiciary board chairman George Naylor made a surprise statement within four days of the game.

No hearing was staged but Baker was cleared with just a caution to his record.

The referees made no official statement on the matter but Mastroianni was called before their executive.



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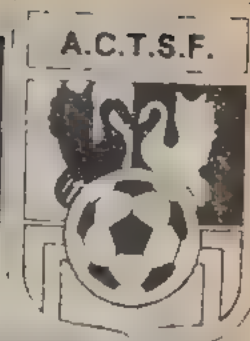


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Gerry Gomez scoring first goal for NSW against a dejected ACT defence.

CROATIA Deakin would welcome a strong and successful NSL club in Canberra, says president Ivan Bulum.

"We do not think this conflicts in any way with our ambition to play in the New South Wales League," he said.

"In fact I believe the two levels of soccer would complement each other.

"Our ambitions extend no further than the New South Wales competition, but it is in the interests of soccer to have the top NSL teams coming here. I wish the Canberra Griffins every success in their attempts to re-enter the League.

"And Croatia will be open for talks on things like avoiding a clash of kick-off times if the Griffins are successful."

Bulum made it clear that his club, at present leading the ACT First Division, would continue with its attempts to enter the NSW State Bank League.

"We have asked the ACT Soccer Federation

NO PROBLEM WITH CROATIA'S

for permission to make another application to join. If not the First Division, we would be content with a place in the Second.

"Our sponsors are still behind us, and most have said they will increase the pledges they made to us last year.

"If our application is successful we will have \$70,000 to work with.

"And once again we would stress that we do not want to abandon the ACT competition. We want to retain all our present teams there."

Croatia's case for entry to the higher league, always strong, is becoming undeniable. Even as it stands, Deakin Oval has better facilities than some NSW First Division sides and the club is negotiating with the National Capital Development Commission for a long lease in order that it can go ahead

with ground improvements.

It is also planning to strengthen the team and Bulum said the club expected the arrival of a 21-year-old midfielder from Yugoslavian Third Division side Neretva Metkovic at any time.

Looking forward to the inaugural Ampol

Championship Series between the top four teams from Illawarra and the ACT, Bulum said one of the likely Wollongong

opponents, South Coast Croatia, was known to Croatia Deakin having beaten it 2-1 in a pre-season friendly game.

ACT JUNIORS

WODEN MELROSE'S Under 14 Division Two side may well qualify for the best comeback of the season award, after its last couple of results.

A fortnight ago, bottom-placed Melrose went down 14-1 to the second-placed team in its division, Weston Creek.

The following week's match was against League leader Belconnen and it seemed an even bigger beating could be in store.

In fact, Melrose caused

the upset of its competition by winning 2-1 and allowing Weston Creek to take over at the top of the table.

Schools Reps

And on the subject of junior soccer, ACT schoolgirls and schoolboys meet their New South Wales counter-

AMBITIONS

WODEN MELROSE'S COMEBACK

parts at Hawker Oval on Thursday August 13, the girls kicking off at 1.30pm and the boys at 3pm.

Any soccer supporter with a spare afternoon is welcome to come along.

WINTER OF DISCONTENT

JUVENTUS coach Tory Fusca has added his voice to the growing chorus of discontent over the present eight team ACT First Division competition.

While stressing that his was a personal opinion rather than the official view of his club, Fusca said that a longer competition was a must for next season.

"Occasionally the free weekends have worked for me when it has come to clearing up injuries, but overall I feel the breaks are detrimental to the game," he said.

He was also critical over the length of time it has taken to hear appeals against the suspensions imposed on two of his players, Mick Tuilawa and Braden Shields.

"In the past a hearing has been arranged within a week and I can't see why that could not still be the case," he said.

Meanwhile, Australian Defence Force Academy coach Richard Beazley is

still convinced Canberra City will win the Second Division title, despite his side losing to City's main promotion rival, Weston Creek, 3-2.

"Having seen both teams I think City has the better organised defence and that will be the crucial factor in the run in," he

said.

The Creek led 3-0 after 20 minutes with goals from Robbie Graham (2) and Steve Lazzari, but ADFA fought its way back and could have taken a point.

Meanwhile, City was losing to ANU 3-2 and now trails the Creek by two points.



MICHAEL WISEMAN on his way to scoring during the Belconnen - Concordia match. Photo by Richard Briggs.

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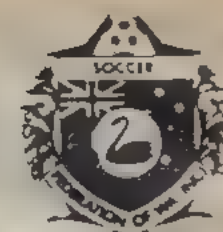
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Canberra City	10	2	3	53	31	22
Nth Canb Jets	8	2	6	49	23	26
Belconnen Utd	7	2	6	41	30	11
Hawks	6	2	5	37	28	9
Shadows	6	0	9	33	40	7
RMC	5	2	8	25	38	13
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ADFA B	1	1	12	12	88	76

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Weston Creek	13	1	2	65	20	45
Belconnen Utd	11	3	3	87	26	61
Belconnen	10	3	3	48	21	25
Nth Canb Jets	10	2	4	55	25	30
Italo-Australis	9	3	2	41	21	20
Canberra City	8	2	5	35	36	11
Tuggerahong Utd	6	2	6	42	41	11
ADFA	3	4	9	30	50	20
ANU	4	0	10	24	54	30
Condors	3	2	10	29	63	34
Latino America	1	2	11	15	67	52
RMC	0	1	12	11	53	42

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Juventus	8	1	2	46	13	33
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ADFA A	5	1	3	52	15	37
Inter Monaro	3	1	6	19	43	27
Belconnen Utd B	2	2	5	47	23	24
Woden Valley	2	1	6	15	36	21
ADFA B	1	2	6	12	67	75

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Hawker Oval 2.30 pm Federation Cup
Juventus v CCAE. 12.30 pm Viscount Cup
Croatia Deakin v Juventus. 10.30 am Viscount Shield ANU v Belconnen Utd.



STIRLING MACEDONIA GRAB FOR TITLE

BY DAVID ANDREWS

STIRLING Macedonia have one hand on the 1987 State League premiership, and Balga are almost certain to fill one of the two relegation spots.

Spearwood Dalmatinac, and to a lesser extent East Fremantle Tricolore and Bayswater Inter, still retain a chance of making the top four.

Macedonia can thank Tricolore for their prominent position who upset almost every prediction by beating the strong Perth Azzurri side 1-0 in the match of the week on Sunday.

Only the most one-eyed Tricolore supporter would have had money on their team beating Azzurri.

In the final analysis Tricolore were worth their

three points with hustling midfielder Steve Huxtable getting the winner in the 76th minute of play with a header from a corner.

Macedonia, themselves, produced an ordinary performance by their standards to beat Gosnells City 3-1.

The chances of Floreat Athena or Kingsway Olympic taking out the title just about vanished when they fought out a 1-1 draw to leave them eight points, or three matches from the lead.

With five rounds to go the gap must be too big to bridge, though the competition in WA this year has been unpredictable.

Dalmatinac stayed in top four contention with a 3-2 margin over Balga.

Balga might well question their season pointing out that in the 13 losses, all but two have been by the odd goal.

Bayswater Inter are the big improvers as the competition has progressed though an extra time goal last weekend gave them a fortunate 2-1 win over hapless Osborne Park Galeb.

Clash

Galeb are marked for relegation along with

Balga, though all the bottom teams have to play each other in the run home.

Burn Inglewood Kiev and Cockburn United cannot rest easy yet, though Kiev, with the advent of new faces in recent weeks, look a different side.

It was this new side that took them to a 2-0 victory over Cockburn, though, by all accounts, the losers didn't deserve their fate.

The coming weekend presents a number of interesting encounters that could either confuse the various issues or write "finis" to most ambitions.

In what is billed as the match of the day Dalmatinac face Macedonia at Dalmatinac Park.

Dalmatinac, at present, look only a shadow of the side that won the championship last year, while Macedonia continue to compile points even when playing badly.

Dalmatinac will be keen to win, not only to keep alive their top four ambitions, but for pride's sake in beating a club that has become their psychological rival.

Can Dalmatinac overcome the loss of three key midfielders on this occa-

sion?

It will be a tremendous effort if they do.

Perth Azzurri must beat Kingsway Olympic to stay in contention, and this won't be easy against a side that has conceded only 14 goals in 17 matches.

It certainly won't be easy if Azzurri play as they did against Tricolore where their firepower up front was non-existent.

Fond Hopes

Both Tricolore and Bayswater's top four hopes rest on gaining maximum points this weekend, and neither have the kind of matches that inspire confidence in that direction.

Tricolore will find Gosnells a tough nut to crack, and it would come as no surprise to see a draw in this encounter.

Bayswater will be underdogs against an Athena who have not given up hope of a championship with Macedonia facing Dalmatinac and the two still to meet in four weeks time.

At the relegation end the four prime candidates clash with Kiev facing Balga, while Galeb meet Cockburn United.

AZZURRI FOLLOW

Should both Balga and Galeb lose then it will take a miracle to save their State League status.

All this talk of saving their State League status,

however, maybe for nothing if new plans for a super State League in 1988 become fact.

That is something I'll discuss in the next issue.

WA FLASHBACK

FERNDALE JOIN UP

AFTER having enjoyed a successful existence in the Amateur Competition for nine years, Ferndale United joined the Soccer Federation of Western Australia in the 1986 season.

During the club's Amateur years they won the Sir Charles Court Trophy in 1982, were 1st Division Champions 1982, Reserve Champions 1982, won the Association Cup 1983, the Amateur Cup 1984 and were 1st Division runners up on no less than four occasions.

Since joining the Federation the club has so far gone through their League matches without defeat — which in itself must have created a record.

After thorough checking by the SFWA executive director, Mr Ted Gray, it was established that during the 1963, 1964 and 1965 seasons, East Fremantle Tricolore created a record by remaining undefeated for 33 matches.

Ferndale United so far have played 32 matches, won 24 and drawn 8 under coach Charlie (Jock) Gallacher. To equal the Tricolore feat, Rockingham United would have had to be conquered away from home on Saturday August 8 and to better it, local team Queens Park has to be denied a win on August 15.

At this point in time, Ferndale United is negotiating with the City of Canning for improved ground facilities and negotiations have been completed with the Lynwood Junior Soccer Club to amalgamate at the end of this year to give the club more depth.



FRANK COLE (Gosnells) heads for goal.

Photo Scott Symons

TASMANIA

OLYMPIA-WPL'S SUPERIORITY

BY WALTER PLESS

OLYMPIA-WPL established itself as the firm favourite to take out Southern Tasmania's Cadbury State League title when it overwhelmed league leader and reigning champion White Eagles 4-1 at KGV Soccer Park on Saturday.

In terms of tactics, commitment and sheer ability, Olympia was totally superior to a White Eagles side that displayed all its weaknesses.

Eagles created three good chances early in the second period but poor finishing by brothers Richard and Andrew Leszczynski, and a brilliant save by Olympia goalkeeper Martin Burder at the feet of Richard Leszczynski, put paid to these.

Olympia player-coach Ken Morton was a sweeper and controlled the defence superbly. But, he was allowed total freedom as White Eagles failed to exert any pressure on him at all, even permitting him to venture forward at times and create attacking moves from midfield.

Olympia was without midfielder Roger Munro who broke his leg at training on Friday, but his replacement Mathew Bloomfield turned in an outstanding performance.

Bloomfield marauded down the right flank continually, sending over many accurate and dangerous crosses and creating the third goal for Craig Nichols in the 73rd minute.

Peter Sherman, at left fullback, played a blinder, keeping Andrew Leszczynski quiet throughout the match and snuffing out every other threat that came his way.

Craig Nichols hit the first of his three goals five minutes before the interval. He threaded his way through the centre before striking a low drive from the edge of the penalty area past Peter Groenewoud's left hand and just inside the post.

Nichols added a second only three minutes later to give Olympia a 2-0 lead at the break. Eagles captain and sweeper Mark Leszczynski slipped while in possession near his own goal-line, enabling Perry Forster to take the ball and cut inside towards goal.

Forster kept his nerve and rounded Michael Dnessen before squaring the ball for Nichols to tap into an empty net.

Olympia's third goal came in the 73rd minute following Anthony Greenwood's far-post cross from the left. Bloomfield met the ball with his head, Groenewoud could not hold it and

Nichols prodded home to the loose ball.

Anthony Greenwood scored an easy fourth seven minutes from time following an error by Eagles fullback Sean Collins, but the latter atoned for his mistake in the dying minutes by scoring a consolation goal from just inside the area as Olympia's defence was for once reduced to the role of flat-footed onlookers.

Caledonians left Rapid firmly entrenched at the foot of the table when it beat the latter 4-0 in Saturday's curtainraiser.

Rapid had gone to last place when Howrah beat Croatia-Glenorchy 2-1 at KGV in midweek through two second-half goals by Jason Harvey.

Croatia could have salvaged a point but Tony Bacic had his penalty in the 46th minute saved by Craig Jones who also stopped the rebound when the ball fell perfectly at Bacic's feet.

Rapid was no match for Caledonians and poor goalkeeping and a non-existent central defence contributed to its downfall.

Ian Parker chipped Calies' opener after only seven minutes with goalkeeper Lee Gillam nowhere in sight, and Parker's pass from the left gave Tim Robins the easiest of second goals in the 27th minute.

Robins made it 3-0 just after the resumption when Greg Calvert failed to cut out David Nicholls' cross, and the Calies captain returned Parker's first-half favour by putting him through for the final goal in the 53rd minute.

It was a marvellous goal, too. Robins gained possession following Lars Koch's error in midfield and put Parker clear and the former Rothman's Gold Medal winner rounded goalkeeper Gillam before being confronted by Dale Blake a couple of metres from goal.

Parker then showed his class. He dummied as if to shoot and completely deceived Blake before dribbling around him and tapping the ball over the line.

With two matches remaining for the three leading teams, the next few weeks will be crucial as Juventus meets Olympia today, and Olympia plays Croatia and Juventus encounters White Eagles in the final double-header of season on August 22.

NORTH TASMANIA

ULVERSTONE ARE HOME

ULVERSTONE recently retained the Honeychurch League premiership it first won in 1986 when it defeated its near neighbour

Devonport City 2-0 in the final roster match of the region.

First half goals from Smith and Dougan gave it victory, enabling it to finish three points clear of runner-up Launceston Juventus.

Ulverstone must now wait to find out the winner of the South's Cadbury League to decide the destination of the 1987 State premiership which Ulverstone also won in 1986.

The 1987 season is now drawing to a close and the clubs are presently engaged in the preliminary rounds of the Honeychurch Cup.

The Coast seems set to annexe the North's other league competition with Somerset well in front in the Rothmans League (North), while in Coastal competitions Devonport City took out the Rothman League (North West) and the N.W. Ladies League will Burnie Utd runner-up in both competition, leaving Ulverstone to annexe the Under 17 title for 1987.

— FROM MIKE DENTON

NORTH TASMANIA

MORTON NOW AT BURNIE

THERE has been plenty of activity on the coaching scene in the

North West recently with the appointment of State Director of Coaching Ken Morton, to the position of N.W. Regional Director of Coaching.

Morton moved to Natone just outside Burnie some months ago, but has continued to commute to Hobart to coach Olympia WPL in the Cadbury League.

His appointment to the N.W. position is a positive

step towards raising the standard of Coastal Soccer and he has already begun 'Schools of Excellence' in the three major centres of Burnie, Ulverstone and Devonport for 12 and 13 year-old players.

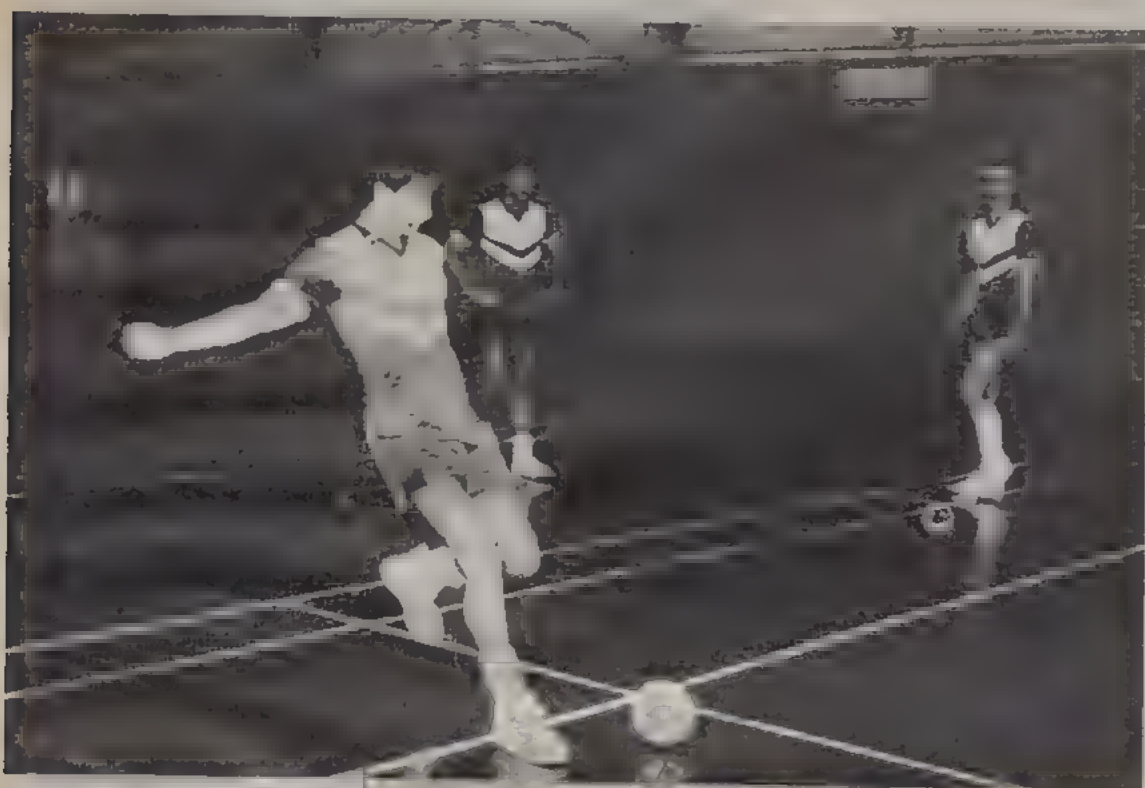
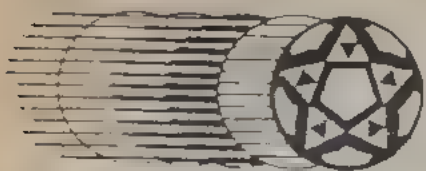
Morton has also been busy selecting a North West U17 side to meet the North, as well as visiting the various senior clubs in the area to advise on training methods.

— FROM MIKE DENTON



Southern Tasmania's Craig Nichols (centre) sandwiched between Northern Tasmania's Brian Davidson (left) and David Mitchell. Davidson is a former New Zealand international and Melbourne Croatia star.

(Photo by Robin Lane)



Robbie Noggler (4) warms up before a Victorian State League match.

TOYOTA SIGNS STARS

THE manager of the Sydney Toyota Tornados, the Australian National Indoor Soccer League champions of 1985-86, Ben Pinchas, this morning announced the signing of John Kosmina and Peter Raskopoulos from Sydney Olympic and former Sydney City star Joe Watson for the 1987 National Indoor Soccer League.

The three players will be joining the squad when their outdoor commitments finish.

The Sydney Toyota Tornados squad for 1987 is: Steven Knight (captain/coach), Robbie Stuart (vice captain), Craig Carlise, George Psaroudis, Gilles Tour, Trevor Ormrod, Andy Beckers, Leon Moon, John Lembyk, Glen Jeffery, Bill Psaroudis, Erkin Osman, Ergen Osman, John Kosmina, Peter Raskopoulos, Joe Watson.

He also announced that the Sydney Toyota Tornados will sponsor with Toyota the first Indoor Soccer Media Cup.

This game will be played before the Sydney Supersonics v Perth Wildcats match at 7pm on August 28 at the State Sports Centre.

The second game between the Electronic Media v the Press will be played at the Fairfield Leisure Centre before the Lotto All Stars and the Sydney Toyota Tornados on September 26 at 7pm.

A game between the Sydney Toyota Tornados and Sydney Olympic is being arranged with all proceeds from the game to go to the Camperdown Children's Hospital.

GEELONG REVS UP FOR NISL

FROM ROY HAY

GEELONG has always been one of the strongest centres of Indoor Soccer in Victoria, if not Australia.

Earlier this year its senior club side reached the final of the National Championships at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, where it lost narrowly in the final on penalty kicks to Canberra City.

Two of its junior teams have won National Titles and the centre has supplied five Australian representative players — Robbie Noggler, Lucky Inturrial, Vlado Semjaniv, Jason McAuliffe and Ross Hay, as well as numerous Victorian State players.

Currently Geelong has two teams in contention for the finals of the Victorian State League, the Geelong Strikers in second place on the ladder and the Corio Cats in fourth.

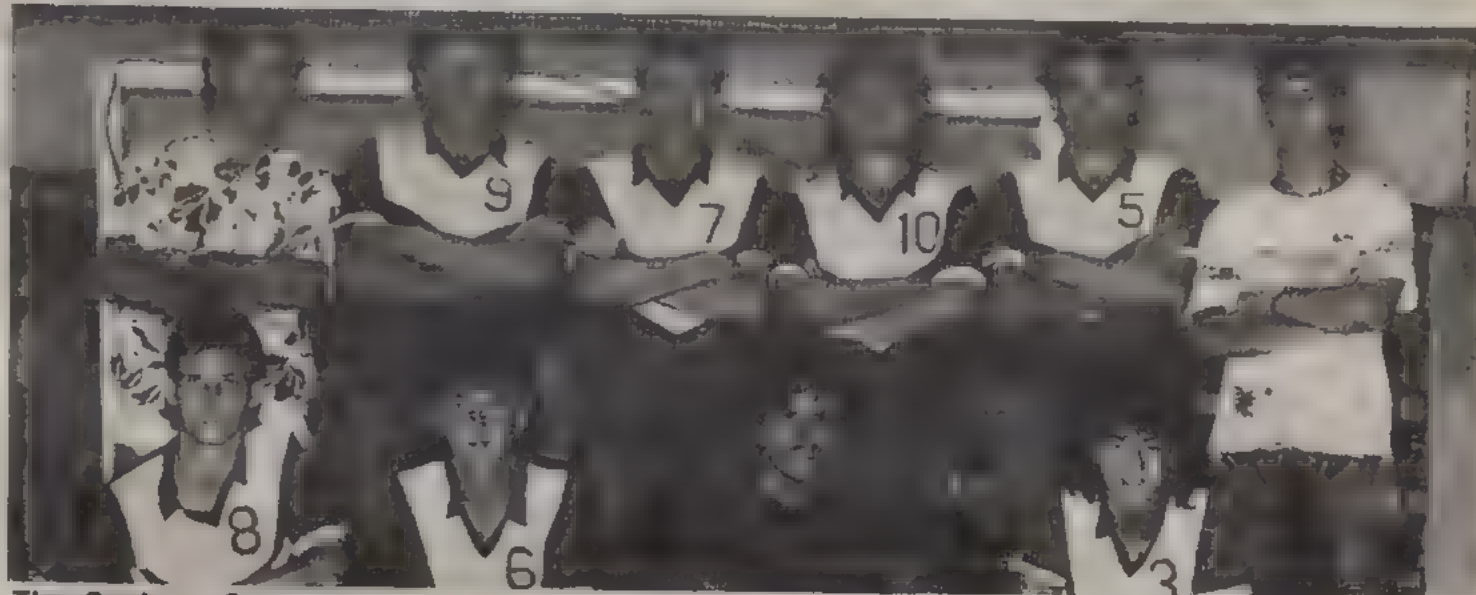
These teams are coached by Steve Radojevic, who will take charge of the James Hardie National League side next month.

On current form the line-up is likely to include Inturrial in goal, Eddie Radojevic, Peter Stojanovski or 16 year old Steve McAuliffe in defence.

Midfield places will be fought for by Denis Brenelzeris, Steve Radojevic and Dinko Ujar, with Robbie Noggler, George Dimovski and Josip Marinovic contesting the striking roles. Others in contention are Mike Nikolovski as keeper, Steve Perin and Mario Volarevic.

Geelong will be a very competitive National League side and is likely to surprise some of the more fancied teams.

Noggler and Inturrial showed last year that they were well up to standard in matches for the Melbourne Eliminators and Buffalo Mets respectively. There is no truth in rumours that these lads will turn out for Melbourne teams this year, and both have been registered by Geelong, for whom they are determined to play.



The Geelong Open Men's team which reached the final of the National Championships in Canberra in January, 1987. Back row, left to right: Jimmy Dimovski, Eddie Radojevic, Steve Radojevic, Wally Stojanovski, Lou Temelkoyaki, Pear Temelkoyaki. Front row: Robbie Noggler, Peter Stojanovski, Lucky Inturrial, George Dimovski.

BUNDABERG BATTLES

SIX Indoor Soccer teams from Mackay's Soccer World (Qld) took part in the Bundaberg Open Indoor Soccer tournament on August 1/2.

The teams consisted of three senior ladies, two under 18 boys and one senior mens team.

Mackay (2) senior ladies team won the senior ladies section and received the \$250 McDonalds cheque.

The Mackay (1) team finished third while the Mackay (3) team came fifth.

The Mackay under 18 boys team were undefeated in their section to take out the trophy, and the Mackay (2) came fourth.

The senior men came fourth in their competition.

Debbie Milsud took out the trophy for the best senior lady player of the tournament and Debbie is still only 15 years old.

Winning teams: Senior Ladies; Mackay (2), Cornelia Nicholas, Sue Edwards, Rita O'Neill, Maria Leotta, Kim Abbott, Jude Patterson, Sharon Wright.

Under 18 Boys: Mackay (1): Andrew Burston, Kevin Hewson, Russell Turner, Kelvin Finney, Greg Dow.



Geelong captain/coach, Steve Radojevic, gives his tactical talk before a recent Victorian State League match. Left to right: Les Skuza, Robbie Noggler (4), Mario Volarevic, Peter Stamatovski (11), Mike Nikolovski, Radojevic, Mike Watson (team manager).

INDOOR SHORTS

NATIONAL Director of Coaching Nick Nicolopoulos travels to Perth today to spend a week in the west.

Some of his time there will be to help the Perth Cougars James Hardie NISL team prepare for the forthcoming indoor season.

A series of servicing programmes will also be held for coaches, players, teachers and parents and interested indoor people should contact Peter Gangemi or Tony Pasquale on Perth 344 8132.

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WHAT'S ALL THE SCREAMING FOR?

I WAS very interested in the letter from Mr C Ryan of Mt Druitt, NSW in the July 29 edition of Australian Soccer Weekly.

In general I agreed with much of what he said about our rough and over tough game not being overly acceptable to our Soccer public.

"... the Australian Soccer public is screaming out loudly and clearly — give us skilful and technical Soccer...", he said.

Presumably Mr Ryan means the Soccer public are making their silent "scream" of protest by staying away from games.

To be sure the crowds are low enough.

Not all of it can be attributed to over tough play.

Pressure of time on families, alternative entertainment, financial reasons, lack of media support... these reasons and other afflict Soccer in this country.

Ironically, SBS, Soccer's main supporter in the media, causes its own problems. On the one hand by showing a live game on Sundays and on the other through its excellent coverage of world Soccer.

The World Soccer program is effecting for good, the attitudes and skill of our players.

They can see via the television set just how well and skilful the game can be played and it has to have a beneficial spin off as they seek, to emulate such skill.

However the Soccer spectator can become satisfied with Soccer via television, and at the same time become critical of the standard played in Australia.

These latter two reasons, I believe, are responsible for many people staying away from our national league games.

Our Soccer authorities need to address themselves to this problem as they have done in England. There, it was stated that over-exposure of top Soccer games was drastically affecting the size of crowds.

England has virtually cut out televised games.

Soccer promotion, through advertising and interviews on television attracts people to games.

Television of Soccer games, especially "live" games definitely, does not. It keeps them at home.

For personal reasons this year, I have not coached nor attended any games on a Sunday.

Nevertheless I have regained extensive knowledge of our Soccer via television and had my appetite for Soccer well satisfied with the range of programs on SBS.

I do not need to go out and pay my money at the turnstiles.

Now, what about skilful Soccer!

Are Eddie Thomson, Rale Rasic and Frank Arok unable to produce skilful Soccer as Mr Ryan suggested?

Years ago I saw St George Budapest play absolutely blinding Soccer under Frank Arok as his team won almost every trophy available in NSW.

It was in the early 70's with John Warren, Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Doug Utjesenovic and Willie Hamilton to the forefront of a highly skilful team.

Rale Rasic had similar success with the same players a couple of years previously, where additionally he won an overseas tournament with the Saints.



ASK MIKE JOHNSON

MIKE JOHNSON is a former England professional Soccer player. He played as full time professional with Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. He is an English Football Association coach. In Australia he has coached top teams — Sutherland, St George BSC, West Adelaide, APIA, Wollongong United (now Wollongong Macedonia) and Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League. His television series *The Basic Skills of Soccer* was shown for the first time in 1980 on ABC, concurrently with another television series of his, *Fitness for Sport*. His book *Fitness for Sport* won a quick acceptance among schools and junior clubs throughout Australia. He has had outstanding success coaching young players many of whom have gone on to represent Australia at Soccer.

He says that everyone of these players, despite their eventual success, was deficient in basic skills because of inadequate coaching in their early years, and that all of them would have been better players if they had developed good basic grounding of skill when they were young.

Having said that, Arok, Rasic and Thomson, three of our leading coaches, plus Len McKendry, Melbourne's most successful coach, all have placed an exceptionally high priority on pressure Soccer, in recent years.

Pressure Soccer means putting constant pressure on the opponent

receiving the ball.

Its object aims at winning the ball, rather than performing with it.

Its qualities are physical rather than creative.

However, pressure Soccer will not go away.

It is symptomatic of all modern team sports, where increased physical fitness allows players to co-

ver so much more ground which enables them, along with tactical team play, to apply close pressure on opponents much of the time.

Pressure Soccer is one thing, it is how it is implemented that is at question.

It can be used in a very brutal, overly aggressive manner which can destroy

the skill of opponents whilst at the same time causing them physical damage.

It requires sound administration and knowledgeable, firm referees to protect players and preserve skill.

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VIERI GETS MARCONI BACK ON RAILS

FRANK SCICLUNA analyses the recovery of the Fairfield side through the efforts of Vieri and Mariani.

ROBERTO Vieri appears to have finally got Marconi back on the rails after a hugely disappointing start to the season by his star-studded team.

While everyone was tipping the Fairfield side to lead the chase for honours, Marconi was not only struggling to pick up championship points, it was playing the sort of football that frustrated and drove away many of its supporters.

The team lacked cohesion, fluency and on many occasions seemed as though it consisted of eleven individuals who had never played with each other.

Most of all, the side did not show the character required to win matches.

Fans were at a loss to understand how a team with so much obvious talent could perform so poorly but maybe the situation should not have been so surprising.

Football has never been, nor will it ever be, a simple matter of throwing together a collection of talented individuals.

A team needs time and patience to build, the right blend cannot be found overnight and team spirit



Marconi senior coach, Roberto Vieri

only comes when everything clicks. High expectations, with the additional pressure that they bring, does not help matters.

Marconi may have suffered because of its brilliant pre-season form which raised those expectations even further, without allowing for the fact that those performances were against opponents still

preparing for the tough season ahead.

Serious injuries to key players did not make Vieri's task any easier and after a couple of defeats all confidence was drained from the side.

One fact that should not be overlooked is that Marconi are building a new look team under a new coach, a formula which very rarely brings immediate success. Recent matches indicate that the side has turned the corner and all the potential is starting to be realised, the intro-

duction of former player Bertie Mariani as Vieri's assistant has had a positive effect on the team and a berth in the top five play offs looks a safe bet.

If a lesson is to be learnt from the Marconi experience, it is to persevere and keep working towards the ultimate aim rather than take the easy way out and change course half way through a season.

Lesser clubs would have bowed to the pres-

sure, blamed everything on the coach and replaced him with a new one — thus promoting further instability.

The talent at Bossley Park will eventually bring the success that the fans are yearning for, Roberto Vieri will grow in stature as a coach while Marconi will prove yet again that it deserves the reputation it carries as one of Australia's most professional clubs

TOP COACHES AT NATIONAL U18S

IT was good to see so many top coaches at the U18 National championships. Frank Arok, Rale Rasic, Eddie Thomson, Les Scheinflug, Raul Blanco and Willie Wallace to name a few.

Their presence was a big boost to the boys involved and from their point of view kept them in touch with the country's best talent.

One thing that came out of the championships, that needs a careful look at is the objective of all States.

Naturally it's to win and there's nothing wrong with that.

But I think there are other things we must do as well.

Certainly it's about development as well and playing with style and learning about the game, rather than just going out to stop the other side playing.

Maybe from this point of view it might be a good idea for the national coach and his assistants and the national youth coach to emphasise just what they would be looking for in terms of the players.

Certainly from our point of view in NSW we attempted and in many aspects of the game succeeded in playing good open football, encouraging players



BY ALAN VEST

to play out from the back and encouraging flair, particularly in the last third.

We have some exciting prospects and probably Steve Rafenes stood out in terms of excitement in dribbling and beating a man.

In the final our game was stopped a bit by the very windy conditions and in the end Victoria just about deserved their 1-0 win.

But it was a good tournament for our boys and I'm sure many will go on to become top players.

YOUTH PROFESSIONALISM

BY ALAN VEST NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING

INTERESTING to see talk of full time professionals for Australia and what an ideal situation it would be. The ways and means though of doing it, needs much thought and planning.

If we are to improve overall as a Soccer nation then it is certainly a step we have to take.

Everyone is adamant we have top young players 14-18 on a par to anywhere in the world, but to help fulfil their potential something has to be done at the senior end of the game.

Otherwise we are not going to fulfil those players' potential or else lose more and more overseas.

Unless we try to get a fulltime professional set-up then we are always going to be that far behind the big Soccer nationals at the top level.

The other way is to encourage our young stars to get contracts abroad providing they can be released for Australia.

But that then is going to mean our top Soccer at club level will never reach the standard to get the crowds back.

Soccer in most developing nations is improving particularly at youth level as we see from nationals in the last eight of the U16 World Cup. Qatar, South Korea, Ivory Coast, Australia and Nigeria with only three Europeans-USSR, France and Italy with no South American teams.

More top nations though at that age are just starting developing their players as apprentice professionals, with the prime aim of working with them to bring them through to become full time players.

So it's a critical time. Crowds are not increasing as we'd hoped, so we should be looking at that professional set up.



MARCONI REJOICE! Frank Farina has just grabbed his hat-trick and he celebrates with Geoff Gunning (No.15), Paul Carter (second right) and Gerry Gomez.

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Adelaide Hellas' GRAHAM HONEYMAN

HELLAS BID NEEDS

Says TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE Hellas is looking for four more players to join newly arrived Scottish import Albert Kidd — if they make the West End National League next year.

That's the word being leaked from the club's think tank, as 29-year-old Kidd prepares to make his debut this weekend in a crucial match for the former NSL champions who were relegated last season.

The midfield striker from Scottish Premier League club Dundee arrived last weekend, but with a free day because of PGH Federation Cup semi-finals, he was able to settle and get to know his new team-mates.

With only three rounds of the SA Rothmans

League to play, Kidd has arrived to an explosive situation.

Croatia, Hellas, Beograd and Salisbury — in that order — are all on 28 points and don't meet in the run home.

All of them have national league aspirations, and the only advantage Hellas have is that they play their last game as the only Sunday fixture in the final round, while the rest of the league play on the Saturday.

But that final game is against last year's champions Campbelltown, who

are coming good and looking for a place in the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup.

Hellas is away to Cumberland on Saturday, while Croatia visits Birkalla, Beograd goes to Para Hills and Salisbury travels to Polonia.

Kidd was signed by Dundee from Motherwell four years ago for \$227,000 and has a two-year contract with Hellas.

His wife and three children will arrive in Adelaide within four weeks.

If Hellas make it to the national league play-offs against the champions from Victoria and Queensland, they will get an added boost.

Veteran Graham Honeyman, out for the last

BOOST

six weeks with ligament problems should be fit to resume.

Plaster has been removed from his damaged knee and he is back in light training.

While Hellas has fought hard without him, his steadying influence in the middle of the park has been missed.

While Adelaide City veteran and injury-hit midfielder strongman Brian Northcote made his long-awaited NSL comeback against Marconi, fans won't see him again.

With new work commitments, entailing a lot of travel, he will hang up his boots — this time.

He made the effort against Marconi only to help out City and now has no intentions of resuming his playing career.

SA and Victorian Federation officials have had "exceedingly cordial" talks on the future of the game in both States, and Australia-wide.

They are close to coming up with a plan to bring back the interstate series, but the whisper is they are not getting full co-operation from NSW.

NSL clubs seem in agreement, but the NSW Federation, according to our "mole", is playing hard to get.



THAT SUMMER FEELING?

FROM BILL PAKAS

THE history of the NSL and the recent push for a summer season is proof enough that the administration of the game in this country is in an awfully poor shape. The spectator numbers of the last few years suggest that the NSL will die very soon — unless something is done between now and the end of the West End sponsorship which is keeping the league alive.

And that something is not a summer season, unless it is evident that it tackles all of the reasons that have caused the decline in numbers.

The problem at hand is: How do we ensure that the NSL survives? It must be looked at in the long term and not in the present band-aid fashion that is encouraged by an administration guided by selfish club motives, and run on an ad hoc basis.

Before attempting to solve such a problem, it must be ascertained whether the value of a national competition is worthwhile. For the benefit of Soccer in Australia, the overriding concern in any such decision, the answer is undoubtedly YES.

A national competition brings together the country's best players, thereby increasing the standard of play and the level of skill. It also increases the chances of the Socceroo coach picking the best players in the country because they are easier to compare in one league than they are across the many state and regional leagues. They are proven FACTS.

Other considerations, but not as easily proven, are that a national competition increases publicity and public awareness of the sport, and this must have ramifications in the number of juniors deciding to play it.

So if our administrators decide that the NSL is worth fighting for, as they should, the next step is to gather all the relevant information that will allow them to decide on the best possible solution.

If survival is contingent on funds then spectator numbers are the crucial factor. Not only because of the money they pay out, but the sponsorship amount the league or clubs gather is related to their crowd drawing capabilities.

Another major sponsor may well be found but it will only be another band-aid, unless the plummeting spectator numbers are halted.

To pinpoint the reasons for falling attendances a survey must be commissioned. If we're talking about the survival of our national competition, no expense should be spared. Professional researchers must be em-

ployed and if they insist that every single spectator of the last 10 years is weeded out and surveyed, then so be it.

What we've got at the moment is a group of biased administrators guessing as to what the reasons for the falling numbers are. The flavour of the month is winter weather and poor spectator facilities... a few years back it was lack of local derbies... and then, poor playing standards etc. etc. How long can this go on?

Once this survey is complete, and the FACTS are gathered and analysed, then our administrators, with the game of Soccer in mind, can sit down and decide on an action-plan that takes into account each and every reason attendances have dropped.

And just to slow the current mad rush towards a summer season, in the hope that a rational investigation takes place first, can I be permitted to hypothesise for a while?

If poor spectator facilities are in fact a reason for the dwindling numbers, won't channelling funds towards floodlighting greatly limit the improvement of comfort facilities i.e. seating, catering, toilets, car parks etc?

If the uncomfortable winter weather is a reason to some, won't the late evening games of summer be uncomfortable to some as well, i.e. young children, family men, etc?

If the poor spectacle of the NSL is a reason, won't the increased heat and humidity of summer evenings decrease the intensity and duration of activity by players (as is scientifically proven), also affecting technique, skills and game action.

If a decrease of novelty in the competition is a reason, won't a continuation of the same format merely worsen matters?

If competing attractions are a reason, aren't there more in the summer months?

If vast distances between some teams restrict away support how will a summer season shorten the miles?

If high admission prices are a reason, will Summer Soccer come any cheaper?

If lack of publicity (or incorrect publicity) is a reason, why won't the same problems (mistakes) occur in summer?

It gives you something to think about before State Federations start drafting their teams back.

ANGUS Payne, Director of Coaching on the NSW Central Coast, was ecstatic recently when the annual schoolboy coaching clinics held under his direction in the school holidays recently passed the 1000 attendance mark in only three years.

The clinics have been held for the past six years, organised by the Central Coast Soccer Coaches Federation but with the appointment of Payne as Director of Coaching three years ago they have taken on a more systematic and detailed approach.

The clinics have been run in the May and August school holidays in 1985 and 1986 and in the July school holidays in 1987.

All coaching clinics are run with a set program that all coaches follow. The coaches currently hold a Level II or better Australian Soccer Coaches Federation Badge.

The following coaches have made a significant contribution to the schoolboy Soccer camps: Eddie Barrett, Mike Cronshaw, Brian Follett, Eric Marshall, Dave Storey and Bill Vrolyks.

Other coaches to work on the camps include Geoff Bishell, Jim Brydon, Rick Farr, Ken Harris, Bob Poole and Steve Shoober. Darren Northam, currently a member of the Australian Youth team,

ANGUS PAYNE HELPS NSW CENTRAL COAST

has been a regular guest at our clinics over the last two years.

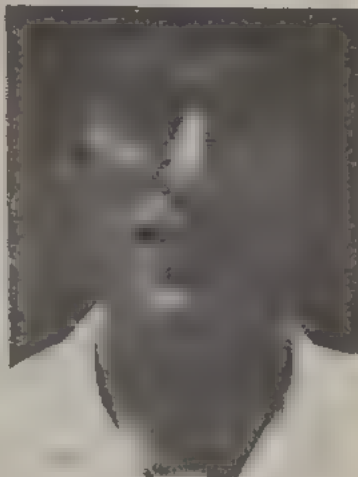
Payne's job has involved working 12 months of the year, organising representative trials and coaching clinics for coaches.

He has changed the make-up of the junior representative system since he began conducting trials at the end of 1984.

The junior representative trials have now become a highly organised, highly attended set of trials where the best junior Soccer players on the Coast are now playing representative Soccer. Currently the Coast sides are very competitive in the strong A Division of the NSW Youth League.

He has helped coaches at club level become more efficient and more organised, making visits to all 18 clubs on the Coast and running coaching seminars.

Payne has conducted Australian Soccer Coaches Federation Badge Courses over the three years. There have been five Level I courses conducted, three Level II courses and he was instrumental in organising the first ever Level III course to be conducted on the Central Coast.



ANGUS PAYNE

Payne's enthusiasm for the job and his belief that Soccer on the Central Coast is going somewhere has really established Soccer as a force on the Central Coast.

With the Central Coast Soccer Association now owning its own Soccer Complex the sky is the limit.

— FROM DAVE STOREY

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In a recent article Rale Basic indicated that coaches knew how to take advantage of unsure referees.

That remark had unpleasant connotations.

Rough play, and especially unfair play, from close marking of players is the greatest problem world Soccer faces today.

Nowhere is this more so than in Australia.

Worldwide, tight marking and of skilled players reduces even the great ability of a Diego Maradona to a few seconds of inspired moments out of 90 minutes.

That is not enough when you pay many dollars to see talent and travel often through massed traffic to the game.

Yes, this surely is a world, as well as Australian, problem which must be solved if Soccer is going to remain worth watching.

If we want physical entertainment: blood, punches, brawls, raw courage and bone crushing tackles — rugby union, rugby league, aussie rules and american football can provide them so much more spectacularly than Soccer.

First and foremost Soccer entertains by its skill.

Having said that Soccer is a physical game, it is a man's game, despite the fact that women now play it.

The physical qualities can enhance the skill.

As we pursue excellence in all things, no longer it is attainment on a Soccer field for a player to provide

a bit of ball juggling, a spectacular shot and some eye catching dribbles as a contribution to a game of Soccer.

In 'Total Soccer', which is Soccer at its best, a player may cover five miles in a game, constantly supporting, tackling dribbling, competing.

He might produce amazing skill after a 60 metre overlapping run, 80 minutes into the game.

He is an athlete as well as an artist.

Wherever he finds himself on the field he must be able to tackle, as well as take people on.

Rasic, Arok, Thomson, McKendry extract physical commitment from players it is true.

That is a quality not all coaches have got.

Give them skilful players and they will also produce skilful games.

You do not have to be a brilliant coach to get Vicente Estavillo to play skilfully.

But to get Estavillo to run more than he previously did, to tackle more, to want to win more, that is a quality Eddie Thomson and other winning coaches have.

Nevertheless, when the drive of coaches spills over into telling people to kick one another, that needs to be kept in check by form referees and strong administration.

No, we do not match Egypt, South Korea, or even Cameroon and numerous other countries at ball manipulation, and will always find it hard to do so.

But Soccer is not just made up of ball skill.

It also comprises team skill and the qualities of physical fitness, strength, agility, speed, stamina, discipline, guts and determination.

It is by drawing on these qualities that English teams, often despite inferior technical skill, master most of the world opponents they meet.

Having said that I do agree with the overall theme of Mr Ryan's letter.

Creative individual and team skill is what has made Soccer the world number 1 game.

Argentina, Napoli and Adelaide City in recent times have proven that skill can survive under pressure and produce results.

Skill is what makes the difference.

We need to develop it by encouraging it in every conceivable way here in Australia.

SO YOU WANT TO COACH?

COACHING can be carried on at all levels of FOOTBALL.

It doesn't take a whole swag of degrees to be successful, but there is no doubt that the right qualifications are of the utmost value.

Practical and academic experience can be a strong partnership, especially so when the coach is specialising in the teaching role.

Steve Darby, now physical education master at the Radford College in the ACT, continues to play many important roles in Soccer.

It is extremely interesting to go behind the scenes to see just some of the qualifications and appointments that he has held.

Maybe it will be some guide for some young Australian moving along the path.

Playing career: Schoolboy County Representative Honours, Liverpool Youth Player, Tranmere Rovers youth player, Semi-Professional UK, Semi-Professional USA (Cosmos, Madison University), Tasmanian State League Devonport, Croatia, White Eagles, Canberra City Olympians.

Employment: Part-time Professional Player (UK, USA), Physical Education Master Purbroom Grammar, Assistant National Coach Bahrain F.A., Player — Coach Devonport S.C., State Director of Coaching Tasmania, Physical Education Master Dominic Matriculation College, Physical Education Master Radford College ACT.

Academic Qualifications: Certificate in Physical Education (Carnegie College, UK), Bachelor of Education — Honours (Leeds University), Thesis: The Relationship of Personality and Performance in Team Games.

Coaching Qualifications: English F.A. Full Licence

(Durham), FIFA Instructor Oceania (New Zealand), ASF Staff Coach, Also Accredited Coaching Awards in Cricket (MCC), Volleyball (EVA) Athletics (AAA Club Coach).

Coaching Positions: Assistant National Coach Bahrain FA (preparation for World Cup, Asian Games, Olympic Games), Player Coach Devonport S.C. Tasmania, Tasmanian Director of Coaching, Tasmanian State Senior and Youth Teams, Sole Selector Australian U19 Schoolboys, Assistant Coach of Australian Womens Team to China and Hong Kong, Player Coach White Eagles Tasmanian State League Champions, Staff Coach ACT Soccer Academy, ACT U19 Squad, Coach of Tasmanian Schools U18 800m, 1500m, X-Country Champion.

Courses Staffed: Lecture of Middle East Sports Science Symposium (Tactical Development), Lecture to United States Sports Academy Sports Injury Symposium.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP

BY BILL TURNER

ONCE again, that young man John Russell was in superlative form when West Wallsend hosted Port Macquarie in their quarter final clash of the 1987 Commonwealth Bank Cup. The match was played on the historic Johnsons Park, West Wallsend.

Thanks to a miracle save by Russell late in the game West Wallsend hung on to win 2-1.

An unpredictable, strong wind spoiled parts of the match but both sides are to be congratulated on mastering the conditions.

West Wallsend attacked from the first whistle and gave the impression of having an easy afternoon, but Port Macquarie survived the onslaught and hit back with a number of raids and the teams were at most level pegging midway through the first half.

Ian Tressider continually troubled the Port defence and but for some stout hearted efforts from their back four West Wallsend may have set up an unbeatable lead.

Dean Kilgour had a great afternoon. He could be a player of the future in any Northern NSW State League club.

It is a pity that the Port Mac-

quarie Second Division side doesn't have all the district's top players. Dean McWhirter rated Port's third best player on the day travels to Newcastle to play with First Division club, Highfields.

Port's mercurial front runner Jamie Grieve, who finished the day only a whisker behind Dean Kilgour, actually doesn't play weekend football. For this writer, Grieve would walk into Port's side.

He is the type of player who doesn't give defenders a minutes peace. His clash with West's Scott Baillie who plays for Newcastle team in the NSW State Bank League, was won by the Port player marginally.

West Wallsend scored first from a penalty when a Port player was caught by referee Tucker for pushing. Ian Tressider made no mistake.

Port refused to drop their heads and swung back into action. From some good lead up work by Steve Tyson, Jim Cameron and Grieve, big Toby Glover, who had ghosted himself over to the left flank, ran onto a through ball to send a glorious banana shot beyond the finger tips of Russell.

The second half saw further rock-like defence and a number of breathtaking near misses from goal hungry forwards.

Troy Morris and Dean Djakiew combined three times but couldn't crack Port's powerhouse defence.

From out of the blue "Beatie" Baillie found some room, cut out a couple of players and fed Tressider a beautiful through ball. Tressider made no mistake with a cleanly positioned shot.

Port Macquarie's goalkeeper Damien Freeman had an excellent game and could not be blamed for either goal.

The final 10 minutes saw Port throw everything at the West Wallsend goal and when success appeared to be theirs John Russell brought off one of his renowned reflex saves.

WEST WALLSEND: John Russell, Grant Johnson, Rodney McCann, Dean Djakiew, Bradley Sutherland, Troy Morris, Evan Deunt, Adam Hastie, Ian Tressider, Scott Baillie, Jarrod Daunt. Reserves: Adam Frew, Shannyn Still, Andrew Preston, Andrew Wallace. Coach: Mr David Morris.

PORT MACQUARIE: Damien Freeman, Jamie Grieve, Mark Lacey, Matthew Richards, Erin Williams, Dean Kilgour, Steve Tyson, David Newson, Dean McWhirter, Jim Cameron, Toby Glover. Reserves: Shane McKibbin, Luke Mures, Patrick McQuaid, Grant Shields. Coach: Mr Steve Cox.

West Wallsend 2 (Ian Tressider), Port Macquarie 1 (Toby Glover). Referee: Mr John Tucker.

BONDI JUBILEE

THREE Bondi Marine SFC foundation members, Doug de Lucey, Sam Babacel and Sam Rigby attended the Golden Jubilee Dinner (1937-87) of the club.

Mrs Caroline Markham, Mayor of Waverley, presented gold and silver medallions to club members.

Also in attendance was John McAusland, the NSW Soccer Federation vice-president, along with secretary Ian Holmes.

Mr McAusland's son Callum, from Scots College, piped in the Anniversary cake.

Absent due to illness was another foundation member, Ted Rowe.

The club produced an excellent 40 page booklet, which included a 1941 team photograph.

President Danny Goddard and senior vice-president Doug Bennick said that the Bondi club was looking ahead to another 50 years of high quality Soccer, sportsmanship and cameradere.

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Applications close Friday August 28.

Initial telephone enquiries may be made to Bob Whiley (H) 85 7302.

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P.O. Box 98
Seven Hills 2147**

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Friday August 28

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If you feel that you can help foster Soccer at this level in our district, apply in writing to:

**Director of Coaching
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P.O. Box 979,
Campbelltown 2560.**

Telephone enquiries (046)311 130
Applications close August 25 1987

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The above Association invites Applications for the following Positions for the 1988 Soccer Season.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Coaching Positions for U13, 14, 15, and 16 Youth League teams
Coaching Positions for U11, and 12 Metropolitan Championships team.
Coaching Positions for the Womens Soccer League First and Reserve Grade teams.

Coaching Position for U17 Womens Metropolitan Championship team.

All applications are to state experience and qualifications and must be in writing to:

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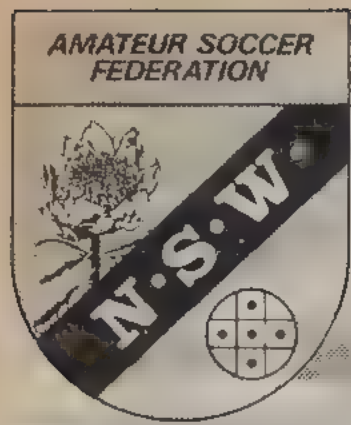
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BLACKTOWN IN DIRE STRAITS

BLACKTOWN City must be considering a change of nickname from the Demons to the Christian Soldiers after being on the receiving end of a number of incredible incidents dealt out by the hand of Fate.

The Under 16 side recently met Sydney Olympic and led by three goals when coach Ken Schembri made a number of changes which coincided with an Olympic revival.

The revival was given a huge boost when an Olympic cross, hit with superb timing and direction, was deflected into the goal by the referee.

Is it possible that he was on a goal-scoring bonus?

For the record, the final score was Blacktown City 4 Sydney Olympic 4.

At the end of the season it is possible that the goal will cost Blacktown first position on the competition table.

Another incident occurred when the Blacktown City Under 14 team met APIA in the top of the table clash.

Blacktown City striker John Cam had broken through the Apia defence and only had the keeper to beat in order to score the goal which would have drawn the match.

Rover, the local German Shepherd had other ideas. Casting his maroon and blue scarf to one side, he raced on to the field to successfully pinch the ball and ensure the APIA team of top of the table status.

Now that's what I call a dogged defence.

P.S. There is no truth in the rumour that APIA have signed two Rottweilers to strengthen their defence.

Durable

During the week I visited the Dural Squash and Fitness Centre where three courts have had extra heavy duty mesh installed over the lights to allow local soccer players to play Soccer Squash.

Soccer Squash is played with a soccer-size tennis ball within the boundaries of the squash court, and is either played as singles or doubles.

The server may either punt, drop kick, place kick or throw in the ball to start the game.

The service must hit the front wall above the service line and land in the opponent's half of the court.

Once the ball is in play, each player has three touches and two bounces during which he must play the ball back on to the front wall.

Scoring is similar to ping pong with each player serving five times before changing and all points counting.

Generally games are played up to 21 points.

As players' touch improves, the rules can be

modified to only two touches or one bounce.

Sounds easy, but wait until you have tried it. Soccer Squash is an excellent method of staying in touch with the ball during the off season, and also makes for a different and enjoyable training session on wet nights.

By placing marker cones in each corner, the courts also make excellent 2 vs 2 grids, a goal being scored when a marker is hit.

Dural Squash have indicated that they will be running a competition during the summer and any interested players can contact them on 651 2511.

I believe there are a number of other centres with S.S. facilities. If you don't wish to drive to Dural

YOUTH LEAGUE

Sydney Olympic vs Illawarra Under 15s 5.8.87

OLYMPIC moved into overdrive in the second half after a scoreless first session to romp home 3-1.

The first half saw neither team dominate although Olympic were slightly more constructive in attack.

Olympic's best opportunity fell after 25 minutes when Robert Stanton looped a free kick over the heads of the defence. But they were unable to capitalise on a poor clearance.

Illawarra opened the scoring in the second half when a direct free kick was curled into the top corner by Shane Williams.

Olympic coach Paul Ankudinoff brought on David Seale after nine minutes of the second half in an attempt to increase his team's striking power, but it was Remyle Gallaway who opened the scoring. A ball played down the centre caught the Illawarra sweeper off balance and Gallaway made no mistake in the resulting one on one.

The second goal arrived after some excellent lead-up work by the Olympic midfield which eventually saw a superb ball played to the left for Theo Tsoukatos to beat the keeper from a wide angle.

Olympic went further ahead when George Sorres played the ball through on the right for Gallaway to cross on to the feet of John Pazis who made no mistake.

I recommend you speak to your local proprietor.

APIA Winner

Apia have announced the four finalists in the club's award to the outstanding player.

Alitalia Airlines will fly the eventual winner to Italy for him to spend one month training with a first division club, all expenses paid.

The winner will be selected during the next six weeks by the club's executive.

The club is particularly looking at potential, loyalty, attitude etc.

The finalists are: 13s Frank Mazzotta, 14s Adam Whan, 15s Jeremy Petmanan, 16s John Cosentino. Congratulations, lads, and best of luck to all of you with your future careers.



ADRIATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 20 SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST GROUP A

Marconi	v	Sydney Olympic	Marconi No.2
Blacktown City	v	Central Coast	Gabrie Stad
APIA	v	Nepean	Lambert Park
Gladesville	v	St George	Pioneer Park
Sydney City	v	Melita	Syd. Athletic
Sithn Districts	v	Illawarra	Ernie Smith
Ku-ring-gal	v	Can/Marrick	Golden Jubilee

Macarthur	v	Sutherland	Ponderosa Park
Ctown City	v	Manly	Lynwood Park
Polonia	v	Nth Bankstown	Chopin Park
Avala	v	Uruguay/Pen.	Knight Park
Bankstown	v	Croatia	Memorial Oval
Blackdown	v	Rockdale	Mt Druitt Tn
Yugal	v	Canterbury	Jelliooe Park

NSW Youth League

ROUND 25

MONDAY 8th AUGUST GROUP A

Blacktown City	v	Maconi	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1
Sydney Olympic	v	Ku-ring-gal	3-1	0-0	5-2	0-0
Central Coast	v	APIA	0-1	2-4	0-3	0-3
St George	v	Nepean	1-0	1-0	1-1	3-0
Melita	v	Gladesville	2-1	1-2	2-0	2-0
Illawarra	v	Sydney City	8-0	4-0	0-3	0-2
Can/Marrick	v	Sithn Districts	post	3-3	2-2	—

GROUP B

Manly	v	Sutherland	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-4
Macarthur	v	Yugal	8-0	2-0	4-0	3-1
Nth Bankstown	v	Ctown City	4-0	0-0	1-0	8-0
Polonia	v	Avala	5-1	3-0	1-0	1-4
Uruguay/Pen	v	Croatia	1-3	0-3	0-1	0-4
Blackdown	v	Bankstown	1-0	1-4	4-0	5-0
Rockdale	v	Canterbury	2-6	0-2	1-4	4-1

ROUND 21

APIA	v	Ku-ring-gal	3-0	3-0	3-0	1-0
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ROUND 23

Can/Marr	v	Gladesville	5-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Polonia	v	Blackdown	2-1	1-0	0-2	3-2
Nth Bankstown	v	Macarthur	2-0	0-2	4-1	1-1

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Central Coast	v	Illawarra	0-2	U11
Manly	v	Nepean	0-2	
Gladesville	v	Bankstown	1-1	1-2
South Dist	v	South & East	3-0	5-0
Canterbury	v	Granville	0-3	1-2
Blackdown	v	St George	2-1	1-5
Macarthur	v	Sutherland	0-1	1-2
Sutherland	v	St George	3-3	2-2

CIRCUIT TRAINING (1)

BY STEVE DABBY

ALL round body strength is vital to a Soccer player to withstand the physical component of the game. A planned weight training programme under expert supervision is ideal. However if this is not available a home circuit is possible. There are three methods of circuit training using the following simple exercises.

EXERCISE

- Push up
- Sit up
- Tuck jump
- Dorsal raise
- Burpee

METHOD A Half maximum repetitions: The player completes as many of each exercise as he possibly can. This is then halved and the player does the three circuits example.

	MAX	HALF MAX	TOTAL CIRCUIT
Push Up	50	25	75
Sit Up	60	30	90

METHOD B The player is given a specific number of repetitions of each exercise, eg 30 tuck jumps. He is then timed for the complete circuit. A speed circuit.

METHOD C The minute circuit: The player attempts as many repetitions in one minute with a minute rest in between each exercise.

KEY POINTS

- There must be a gradual overload of either repetitions or speed for improvement.
- Aim to do this circuit on alternate days.

THE PUSH UP

The player locks his arms and dips until his chest touches the ground. He then pushes up till his arms lock.



THE SIT UP

The player lies on the back with the knees bent and have on the forehead. He then sits up till he can touch his left knee with right elbow. He then repeats right knee touched by left elbow.



CIRCUIT TRAINING (2)

BY STEVE DABBY

THE TUCK JUMP

The player stands straight and lifts both knees as high as he can, making sure the back is straight.

THE DORSAL RAISE

The player lies on his chest, arms clasped behind the head and then raises as much of his chest as he can off the ground.

THE BURPEE

The player moves from a standing position to a push up position and then brings both knees to his elbows and stands up.

(to be continued)



IAIN ROBERTSON

Born in 1966, Iain Robertson has a bright future in the game. He has played his way through the Junior Representative ranks and due mainly to a spate of injuries may have been a regular member of the State League level several years ago.

A very strong and tall defender, Iain was brought up in the East Gosford Club before transferring to the Representative sides. His favourite position is stopper, and in the position where coach Brian McDonald plays him in first grade on the weekend.

His most memorable match to date is the Commonwealth Bank Cup Final at Marconi Oval against Epping Boys High. Although beaten, Iain with the rest of his side played with distinction.

'Robbo' as his mates call him is a quiet and determined person and obviously will be the backbone of the State League squad for many years.

VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE										Central City	19	2	4	13	16	63	8
RESERVES										Chelsea	19	2	3	14	22	109	7
										East Geelong	19	1	0	18	33	71	2
										PROV TWO							
Manlymorn	22	16	2	4	67	23	34			Westmeadows	20	13	6	1	55	26	32
St Albans	21	12	3	6	54	37	27			Mossfield	20	14	2	4	42	20	32
Box Hill	21	10	7	4	39	26	27			Brunswick City	20	11	5	4	38	27	27
Green Gully	22	11	4	7	50	25	26			Ascot Vale City	19	11	4	4	41	22	26
Monwell Falcons	21	10	6	5	42	28	26			Cranbourne	20	10	5	5	38	23	25
Broadmeadows	20	12	1	7	48	29	25			Berwick City	20	9	5	5	32	23	23
Fawkner	20	10	4	6	42	37	24			St Yarra	20	9	3	8	34	28	21
Thornstom	21	9	5	7	33	29	22			Monbulk	20	9	3	8	28	30	21
Croydon City	19	7	8	4	37	28	22			Glenny	20	7	3	10	36	37	17
Northcote City	21	5	10	6	39	42	20			Monash Uni	20	5	6	9	36	36	16
Caullfield City	22	9	2	11	57	66	20			Dingley Utd	19	4	7	8	27	29	15
Western Subs	22	5	3	14	43	67	13			Batman Utd	20	6	1	13	25	50	13
Springvale City	21	4	4	13	26	54	11			Forest Hill	20	3	1	16	17	54	7
Frankston Pines	21	4	2	15	34	77	10			Wentworth	20	1	1	17	21	62	3
Oakleigh	20	2	2	16	28	71	6			RESERVES							
VIC ONE										Monash Uni	19	12	6	1	50	19	30
Ringwood City	20	15	2	3	36	10	32			Westmeadows	19	13	3	3	56	18	29
Bulleen	19	13	2	4	26	13	28			Mossfield	20	12	4	4	47	26	28
Sunbury Utd	20	11	5	4	30	17	27			Monbulk	19	10	7	2	45	23	27
Altona Gate	20	10	5	5	28	15	25			Berwick City	19	11	3	5	46	36	25
Nth Dandenong	20	11	2	7	29	19	24			Ascot Vale City	20	8	4	8	41	40	20
Knox City	20	9	5	6	30	21	23			Glenny	19	6	5	8	42	33	17
Albion Flowers	20	10	3	7	28	19	23			Cranbourne	19	6	4	9	32	33	13
Essendon City	19	8	5	6	32	22	21			Brunswick City	19	6	4	8	40	48	16
Wentworth	20	5	9	6	18	19	19			Dingley Utd	20	6	3	11	31	54	15
Richmond	20	1	12	7	12	29	14			Forest Hill	20	5	4	11	33	47	14
Nunawading City	20	3	7	10	18	36	13			Batman Utd	19	5	3	1	33	46	13
SM Mordialloc	20	3	6	11	20	36	12			St Yarra	20	4	2	13	21	48	10
Doncaster Rvrs	20	3	4	13	16	43	10			Wentworth	18	2	4	12	25	71	8
Melbourne	20	1	5	14	8	42	7			PROV THREE							
RESERVES										Sprvale	20	15	1	4	60	19	31
Albion Gate	20	13	4	3	47	24	30			Lalor	20	14	1	5	47	25	29
Nth Dandenong	19	12	2	5	39	24	26			Burwood Utd	20	12	3	5	33	21	27
Knox City	20	8	8	4	50	26	24			Waverley Utd	20	10	4	6	37	22	24
Nunawading City	18	10	3	5	24	22	23			St Kilda	19	10	2	7	36	29	22
Bulleen	19	9	5	5	39	33	29			Uni of Melb	20	9	3	5	33	36	21
Essendon City	19	9	4	6	40	32	22			R wood Rvrs	18	7	5	6	31	28	19
Ringwood City	18	10	1	7	46	28	21			South Sp'vale	20	8	3	9	41	40	19
Doncaster Rvrs	18	8	4	6	33	34	20			Meadow Park	20	7	3	10	43	46	17
Wentworth	20	6	5	9	28	37	17			Richmond Utd	20	6	4	10	30	36	16
Melbourne	19	6	3	10	28	26	15			Parkmore	20	7	2	11	31	41	16
Sunbury Utd	20	6	3	11	39	50	15			Port United	20	6	4	10	31	45	16
SM Mordialloc	20	5	4	11	38	43	14			Northern Utd	19	4	2	13	27	67	10
Albion	18	4	2	12	26	43	10			Mitcham Utd	20	3	3	14	26	51	9
Richmond	18	2	2	14	19	84	6			RESERVES							
VIC TWO										Sprvale Condors	20	16	4	0	80	13	36
Mooroolbark	19	12	3	4	43	16	27			Uni of Melb	18	15	1	2	88	20	20
Westgate	19	12	3	4	48	29	27			Lalor	19	12	3	4	49	21	27
Sandringham	20	10	7	3	27	18	27			Waverley Utd	18	11	4	3	59	18	26
Clifton Hill	20	9	7	4	39	21	25			Meadow Park	19	10	5	4	51	31	25
Prahran City	20	9	7	4	46	29	25			St Y'vngvale	20	8	5	6	48	42	21
Nth Geelong	19	9	5	5	38	28	23			Burwood Utd	19	8	3	5	36	19	19
Dandenong City	19	9	4	6	25	21	22			Mitcham	20	8	2	10	47	44	18
Waverley City	20	7	6	7	31	29	20			R wood Rvrs	17	8	2	7	47	46	18
Altona City	19	5	7	7	29	17	27			Northern Utd	18	4	3	11	33	70	17
Ringwood Utd	18	5	6	7	23	26	18			St Kilda	19	4	2	13	33	50	10
Eltham	20	6	4	10	26	43	10			Parkmore	18	3	4	11	23	70	10
Doveton	20	3	7	10	20	30	13			Richmond Utd	20	2	5	13	37	78	9
Hamlyn Rvrs	20	2	5	13	21	49	9			Port United	19	1	1	17	14	105	3
Mornington	19	1	3	15	14	61	5			PROV FOUR							
RESERVES										Kensington Utd	20	14	3	3	41	18	31
Clifton Hill	20	13	5	2	64	18	31			Carrum Utd	20	13	4	3	40	19	30
Doveton	18	11	6	1	49	13	28			Brimtons	20	14	2	4	47	27	30
Waverley City	20	11	6	3	42	26	28			Ascot St Marks	20	13	3	4	52	21	29
Mooroolbark	18	11	3	4	34	15	25			Eagles Utd	20	8	6	6	24	25	22
Sandringham	20	9	7	4	37	27	25			West United	20	6	9	5	24	19	21
Eltham	18	10	2	6	42	26	22			Lyndale Utd	20	7	4	9	35	37	16
Westgate	18	8	4	6	31	23	20			Albion United	20	6	6	8	23	27	18
Altona City	20	8	4	3	29	22	20			Balaclava	20	5	8	7	26	39	16
Nth Geelong	18	6	4	8	34	31	18			Mulgrave Ascot	20	6	3	11	27	31	
Dandenong City	18	5	5	8	18	21	15			Deebey Park	20	4	5	11	22	44	13
Prahran City	19	5	1	13	32	46	11			Riversdale	20	2	8	10	23	37	12
Hamlyn Rangers	18	3	5	10	29	41	11			Snye Rovers	20	3	6	11	19	36	12
Ringwood Utd	16	2	4	10	21	45	8			Fitzroy City	20	4	3	13	22	45	11
Mornington	19	0	0	19	7	116	0			RESERVES							
VIC THREE										West United	20	17	1	2	65	17	35
Keilor	19	10	5	4	28	17	25			Snye Rovers	20	11	6	3	56	21	28
West Brunswick	18	11	2	5	32	17	24			Ascot St Marks	20	12	3	5	45	28	27
Port Melbourne	17	9	4	4	33	21	22			Carum Utd	20	11	2	7	49	27	24
Springvale Utd	18	9	4	5	30	31	22			Brimtons	19	11	1	7	46	33	24
Clanraida	18	8	4	6	32	27	20			Eagles United	19	9	4	6	42	36	22
Yallourn	19	7	6	6	23	19	20			Riversdale	19	8	5	8	52	23	11
Moreland Pk Rgr	18	5	7	6	26	32	17			Kensington Utd	19	9	3	7	42	48	21
Bel Park	17	6	3	8	27	32	15			Lyndale Utd	19	5	5	9	28	19	15
Moorabbin City	17	4	6	7	21	24	14			Balaclava	19	6	2	11	35	56	14
Rosanna	18	5	4	9	22	27	14			Mulgrave Ascot	19	6	1	12	40	64	13
F T Gully	18	5	3	10	24	31	13			Fitzroy City	19	6	0	13	29	55	12
Cono/Geelong	18	3	7	8	21	29	13			Albion United	20	4	4	12	42	75	12
Geelong	17	6	1	10	20	32	13			Deebey Park	20	2	1	17	32	81	5
RESERVES										AMAT 1 FIRST							
Yallourn	19	14	3	2	63	16	31			Hawthorn Utd	18	13	3	2	47	17	29
West Brunswick	18	13	2	3	41	26	26			Lalrobo Utd	18	10	5	3	55	34	25
Moorabbin City	17	11	4	2	45	13	26			Waverley Wdr.	18	10	4	4	48	26	24
Rosanna	18	10	2	6	48	33	22			Northern Subs	18	10	3	5	29	23	23
Clanraida	18	8	5	5	47	32	21			East Albion	18	9	2	7	44	32	20
Keilor	19	7	5	7	41	39	19			Phisipinst	18	8	4	6	28	21	20
Port Melbourne	18	7	3	8	33	29	17			Epping Thrifte	18	8	3	7	29	33	19
F T Gully	18	6	3	9	30	46	15			Melbourne Uni	18	7	4	7	33	38	18
Cono/Geelong	18	4	6	8	23	29	14			Collingwood Cy	18	6	5	7	37	36	17
Moreland Pk Rgr	17	4	6	7	23												

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

Orange Waratah v Luddenham Croatia	2-0	2-0
Greystanes v Cobreloa	NP	NP
Chullora v Alexandria	NP	NP
Mt Pritchard v Liverpool Oly	NP	NP
Amcliff RSL v Liverpool Oly Amcliff Pk	1-1	4-1
Lebanon v Assyrian	4-0	2-1
Hellas v Mt Pritchard	3-1	2-3
Greystanes v Orange Waratah	1-1	2-4

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 1

Polonia	21	18	3	0	71	15	39
F Mead	22	14	4	3	50	21	32
N B'stown	21	11	6	4	33	23	26
Yugal	21	11	4	0	43	35	26
Blown U	21	10	3	8	31	28	23
Avila	22	7	7	3	35	21	
Gl'ville H	22	9	3	10	29	32	21
Queens Pk	20	8	3	9	23	31	19
Sy Macabi	21	7	5	9	30	42	19
Artarmon	22	8	0	14	35	55	16
Bath 75	22	6	1	3	24	38	15
DWS	22	2	5	15	17	45	9
Cam town	21	2	3	16	13	45	7

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

Polonia	21	15	3	3	68	21	33
Kingsford	22	14	4	3	67	20	30
Gl'ville H	22	12	6	4	67	24	30
Avila	22	13	4	5	44	29	30
Blacktown	21	12	3	6	45	35	27
N Bankstown	21	12	2	7	51	23	26
C'belltown	21	10	4	7	36	32	24
Kingsford	20	10	3	8	44	37	23
Bathurst	22	7	8	9	36	42	20
Q Park	20	7	5	8	23	21	19
Nth Syd Art	22	6	3	13	41	47	15
Dee Why S	22	5	1	16	19	76	11
Fairy Mead	22	1	4	17	29	91	6
S Macabi	21	1	2	18	12	73	4

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 3

N B'stown	21	16	4	1	80	9	36
Kingsford	21	15	4	2	66	10	34
Yugal	21	15	2	4	50	19	32
Cam town	21	13	4	4	58	20	30
Avila	22	12	5	5	54	26	29
Q P	20	13	2	6	66	16	28
Polonia	21	10	3	8	46	34	23
Gl'ville H	22	10	2	10	47	35	22
Bathurst 75	22	8	2	12	33	31	18
Dee Why S	22	2	13	24	48	16	
Fairy Mead	22	5	1	17	32	52	14
Blown U	21	5	1	15	17	50	11
Syd. Mac	22	1	2	19	6	96	4

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 3

Bondi Mar	21	14	7	0	47	18	35
Baulk Hills	21	14	6	1	43	7	34
Mt Druitt	21	13	6	3	36	15	32
Rooty Hill	22	12	4	6	54	35	28
West Utd	21	10	4	7	38	26	24
K. Tomislav	21	6	10	5	25	21	22
Pl Hacking	22	7	7	8	32	31	21
N Ryde	21	6	6	9	37	37	18
C'belltown	22	6	6	10	28	31	18
Canterbury	22	7	3	12	21	31	17
G-Chile	22	4	8	10	28	36	16
Moorebank	20	4	6	10	19	33	14
Concordia	22	4	5	13	24	55	13
Uni NSW	21	3	2	16	18	60	8

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 1

G-Chile	22	13	5	4	60	17	31
West Utd	21	14	2	5	50	26	30

NEW DIRECTION

Soccer in Australia needs a new direction as John Warren once said; Soccer is a sleeping giant and for the sleeping giant to come to life it needs a new direction. Soccer in Australia is like 'United Nations', so divided because of so much political squabbling. Actually Soccer has stagnated its growth as far as spectators go and some other departments.

There it needs professional people promoting it not some old fuddy duddies sitting at the desk all day paper shuffling, it needs

people to get of their backsides and motivate people to go and see it, there is an urgent need to (a) promote the game (b) to have the proper facilities (c) to provide the skills to make the sport more attractive.

No one wants to watch boring Soccer.

Also no disrespect to Frank Arok, but his style of Soccer is NOT going to bring us success on the international scene. Let's have a look at Frank Arok's team — St. George.

Since he has taken them over they haven't had much success.

While Rale Rasic has done miracles with APIA.

Let's not forget that he won't include probably one of our best all time players in Eddie Krncevic in his national squad.

He is a world class player — if the Socceroos can go without a player like Krncevic then we must be

in a healthy state indeed!

We need success next year when the bicentenary comes around, even the Asian countries are getting ahead of us.

Let's put pride and honour back into Soccer, get rid of all the 'deadwood' and that means on the state level also, not only national.

Peter Ravnik,
Townsville, Qld.

ITALIAN EXAMPLE

I HAVE been living in Australia for 20 years and for the past four or five I have heard about Summer Soccer to bring the public back to this international sport.

My opinion is no matter if Soccer is played in Winter or Summer we will never get the public back until the people at the top of the Federation know what they are doing and I'll explain why.

I am an Italian and follow all Italian teams that play in the West End Soccer League.

How does Mr Labbozzetta, Vice President of the Soccer League, explain why Apia and Marconi play the same weeks home and away.

These people can copy a nation like Italy were a city like Turin has two teams. They never play home on the same day and the same in Rome and Genoa.

In regard of publicity we

QUEENSLAND

XXXX LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lions	18	15	3	5	15	30	
North Star	18	12	5	1	38	15	29
Azzurri BC	18	11	5	2	38	16	27
East	18	10	2	6	35	23	22
Coaststars	18	6	5	7	29	26	17
Mt Gravatt	17	6	4	7	31	27	16
Olympic Utd	18	7	2	9	27	33	26
Rochdale	18	5	4	9	26	46	14
Ipwich	18	4	5	9	23	27	13
Redlands Utd	17	4	5	8	22	40	13
Grange Thistle	18	2	5	11	8	33	9
Taringa R.	18	4	1	14	21	50	8

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	71	44	12	15	150	86	100
Lions	72	44	11	17	180	75	99
Grange Thistle	72	33	19	20	113	83	85
East	72	32	16	24	114	82	80
Rochdale	71	30	16	25	116	113	78
Ipwich Utd	72	25	21	26	98	108	71
Azzurri BC	72	26	15	31	112	125	67
Taringa R.	71	24	13	34	112	137	61
Olympic Utd	72	21	14	37	104	137	56
Mt Gravatt	70	20	16	34	92	138	56
Coaststars	72	20	13	39	99	125	53
Redlands Utd	69	18	16	35	97	159	52

TASMANIA

Details: Howrah 2 (Harvey 2) Croatia-Glenorchy 1 (R Furjanic), Olympic-WPL 4 (Nichols 3, Greenwood) White Eagles 1 (Collins), Caledonians 4 (Robins 2, Parker 2) Rapid 0.

Leading Goalscorers: 26 R. Leszczynski (White Eagles), 20 Pace (Juventus), 18 Xanthopoulos (Olympia-WPL), 14 A. Leszczynski (White Eagles), 13 McIntyre (Croatia), 12 Stoddart (White Eagles), Broadhouse (Juventus), Goldsmith (Olympia).

TASMANIAN CADCURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oly-WPL	18	14	1	3	69	16	29
White Eag	18	13	2	3	68	25	28
Juve-P'neer	18	12	3	3	54	26	27
Croatia-G	19	9	6	4	53	27	24
Cal'iansj	19	6	2	11	26	47	14
Howrah	18	2	2	14	16	64	6
Rapid	18	1	1	15	15	62	5

PEPSI YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	18	13	1	4	52	11	27
Juventus	18	11	3	4	54	27	25
Oly-WPL	17	11	2	4	38	18	24
Croatia	19	8	4	7	31	35	20
Howrah	18	7	3	8	29	33	17
Caledonians	19	5	3	11	2	43	13
Rapid	18	2	4	12	22	54	8

Details: Olympic-WPL 1 (Tsakiris) White Eagles 0, Caledonians 2 (Arnott, Paine) Rapid 0, Juventus-Pioneer 3 (Mastricola 2, M Lapolla) Howrah 1 (Hadley).

Leading Goalscorers: 25 Harwood (White Eagles), 9 Tsakiris (Olympic), Rossi (Juventus), 8 Hobbs (Hobart City), 7 Mastricola (Juventus), Morling (Howrah), Laszczak (White Eagles), Hart (Olympia).

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympic	16	15	1	0	53	7	31
St George	15	11	2	2	60	13	24
Apia	13	8	3	2	36	7	19
Marconi	16	9	1	6	43	24	19
Melita	15	9	1	5	29	25	18
Croatia	15	8	2	5	47	19	18
Sutherland	15	4	4	7	25	27	12
Manly	16	4	2	10	21	52	10
Uruguay	15	3	1	11	16	38	7
Canterbury	14	1	3	10	6	46	5
Warringah	16	1	0	15	5	83	2

Leading Scorers
23: Zoran Illic (St. George)
17: Tony Krslovic (Croatia)
14: Chris Ackley (Marconi)
12: Jason Bennett (Olympic)
10: Tony Parson (APIA)
Joe Russo (Marconi)

Next week's matches:
SUN: 16/8/87 Olympic v Uruguay St George Stadium 12.15 pm, Marconi v St George Marconi Stadium 12.15 pm, Melita v Canterbury Arlington Oval 10.40 am, Manly v Warringah Graham Reserve 10.40 am, Sutherland v Apia Seymour Shaw Park 10.40 am.

RESULTS

9/8/87 Marconi 1 (A Budini) Manly 0, Uruguay 5 (Y Guroi 3, S Crane, Mavuric) Warringah 0, Olympic 2 (D Barrett, S Chilas) APIA 1 (L Djordjic), Croatia 8 (T Krslovic 5, T Kardum 2, J Sekulic) Canterbury 0, Sutherland 3 (T Clark 2, H Christodoulou) Melita 3 (S Ashton, P Rago, D Pratt).

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juv.	16	10	5	1	50	16	25
Sunshine G.C.	15	11	2	2	52	14	24
South Melbourne	15	10	3	2	32	14	23
Preston Mak	15	7	5	3	40	17	19
Cauffield	16	6	6	4	34	28	18
Heidelberg	16	8	2	6	41	44	18
Footscray	15	6	1	8	27	35	13
Melb Croatia	13	4	3	6	21	38	11
Brighton	15	4	2	9	21	27	10
Oakleigh	14	4	2	8	28	46	10
Clanville	15	4	1	10	23	39	9
Waverley City	16	3	2	11	22	63	8
Nunawading City	13	2	2	9	18	26	6

BRIGHTON 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1, HEIDELBERG UNITED 4 OAKLEIGH 0, NUNAWADING CITY 1 CLARINDA 1, WAVERLEY CITY 0 PRESTON 4, B.U. JUVENTUS 1 (Mastricola) SUNSHINE G.C. 1 (Falzon), SOUTH MELBOURNE bye, FOOTSCRAY 0 CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Goutzoys 21, 77).

A.C.T.

FEDERATION CUP SEMI-FINAL
CCAE 1 Canberra City 0, Juventus 1 Condors 0.

NSW AMATEURS

U14 State Cup

Canley Hts 3 South Tablelands 1, Liverpool Albion 3 Lilli Pili 0. (Final Stanwell Pk Ashcroft 10.30 am August 23).

U16 State Cup

Winston Hills 4 Hornsby Hts 1, Greystanes 2 Shoalhaven 0. (Final at above 11.45 am).

U18 State Cup

West Pennant Hills 2 Kingsgrove Olympians 1, Pendle Hill 2 Eastwood St Andrews 0. (Final at above 1.45 pm).

U21 Robertson Cup

East Bankstown 3 St Christopher 1, Lilli Pili 2 Wahoonga 1. (Final at above 3.45 pm).

Australian Amateur Cup

Epping YMCA 4 Caringbah Rangers 1, Menai Hawks 1 Sylvania Hts 0. (Final at above 5.45 pm).
Host Association: Southern Districts, Host Club: Liverpool Albion.

NSW WOMENS SL

Premier: Putney Town 3 Parramatta City 2, Manly Warringah 2 Blacktown

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Reserve-Grade: Putney Town 2 Parramatta City 1, Blacktown Assn 5 Manly Warringah 1, Pagewood 1 Epping-Eastwood 1.

VICTORIAN AMATEURS

DIVISION 1

ANZ Bank 3 Fogolar Furlan 0 R6-0, Apollo United P Glenroy Doxa Utd P RP-P, Aust Airlines 3 Preston Pythons 0 R1-5, Meko Holdings 9 Essendon Tramway 1 R8-6, Middle Park 0 Altona Ilin-den 2 R3-1.

AZZURRI APPLY THE PRESSURE

NORTH Star face their toughest fixture this season when they play Azzurri Brisbane City on Saturday after surrendering the XXXX league lead, their undefeated record and losing two players in a triple send-off at Ipswich United last weekend.

North Star will be without striker Paul Fagan and defender Pat Lathan who were sent off along with Ipswich United's Dallas Graham after an all-in brawl in the final minute of their 2-1 loss at Ebbw Vale last Sunday.

With just four rounds remaining in the Queensland competition, North Star are now a point behind Lions. The two clubs

clash in a fortnight in what could be a championship decider - if North Star get past City this weekend.

And Azzurri are the form side of the second round and still an outside chance of the premiership if results go their way. The Juan Cutillas-coached team has now gone a full round, 11 games, without defeat. Last weekend they completed the round by defeating Easts 1-0, the last team City lost to.

All eyes will be on North Star to see if the club can pick itself up.

While officials are still maintaining they can scrape together the cash to make an NSL bid, their revelation that they need \$250,000 in 10 weeks vir-

tually writes the club off as an NSL challenger should they make the play-offs.

That means Lions, who already have the money, are Queensland's only real NSL contenders -- but must win the XXXX league for a shot at the promotion play-offs.

A win by City over North Star would give Lions a seemingly unassailable three point lead -- if of course the Richlands team beat Easts at Heath Park and that certainly is no certain result.

Lions were beaten 2-1 by Azzurri a fortnight ago and although they got back into winning form with a 3-0 win over Roche-

dale last weekend, the quality of opposition was nowhere as strong as they will face this weekend.

While the fortunes of the top sides could well be decided this weekend, so too could the fate of relegation battling Taringa and Grange Thistle.

The two clubs clash at Speare Park on Sunday with Taringa, who are a point adrift in last place, in a must-win situation. A draw could be enough for Thistle to hang on in the remaining three rounds, as they have an easier run into the end of the season than Taringa.

But neither team warmed up for their match of the season with a win last weekend. Thistle were

comprehensively downed 3-0 by the rejuvenated Coalstars while Taringa let a 1-0 lead slip and were beaten 2-1 by Redlands.

In the other match last weekend, Mount Gravatt's slim semi-final chances faded even further when they were beaten 2-1 by Olympic United. With fourth placed Easts losing at Spencer Park it was an ideal opportunity for the fifth-placed Hawkes to close the four point gap, but now it looks like the top four will remain unchanged.

Mount Gravatt this weekend are at home to Redlands while the other games include the Ipswich derby between United and Coalstars and Olympic's clash with Rochedale.

PETER IRVING HEADS BACK

BY WALTER PLESS

JUVENTUS-Pioneer coach Peter Irving is keen to leave Tasmania and resume his coaching career on the mainland.

It's not that Irving, who coached Newcastle to sixth place in the NSL last year, has not been successful in the State.

He won the pre-season Cascade Summer Cup competition with Juventus, and is still in the running for the Cadbury State League title.

Juventus is also in the second round of the State-wide Bohemian Restaurant Invitation Cup competition, so there's still plenty to aim for.

It's just that Irving loves soccer and he misses the buzz that is associated with the game on the mainland.

"I can't see any future for the game here at all," Irving said. "Attendances are down and it's going through a bit of a slump."

"I think the biggest problem is attitude, and the game here is a social thing really, to a certain extent."

"It's not that I dislike Hobart. I mean, it's a nice little place but, football-wise, it just doesn't do enough."

"It's nowhere near professional enough and a coach needs to get some positive feedback from his players, too."

"But, I've got to give credit to my players because most of them have been pretty good."

"I must admit that when I first came here I

thought, 'My God, it's going to be a long season.'

"But, they rarely miss training and they do work hard in training and I couldn't really complain too much."

Irving said that he was open to offers from the mainland, although he would prefer New South Wales.

"I'd love to have Newcastle again if things changed there and if there were possibilities of kicking on again in the National League," he added.

Irving said he had also heard that things were moving in Perth as regards a team in the National League and he would be attracted to that sort of challenge.

Irving can be contacted in Hobart on (002) 28 0852.

The State we're in . . .

TOM MCKAIN in South Australia

WITH the South Australian Federation Cup final places tucked away for the showdown on September 5, Campbelltown and Birkalla get back to league business this weekend.

Birkalla are battling to get clear of the relegation zone, while Campbelltown are attempting to get into the top four and in turn qualify for the Coca Cola Top Four Cup, with only three rounds to play.

Birkalla will have a hard job this weekend even at home as it comes up against Rothmans League leaders Croatia.

Campbelltown had to fight all the way to make the Cup final, being taken into extra-time by second division battler Noarlunga United.

The latter's Richard Brown scored in the second minute of the

semi-final and from then on it was a battle royal.

Campbelltown, last year's league champions, equalised through Chris Key four minutes into the second half and the battle continued.

Into extra-time and Campbelltown hit the front through substitute Paul Veltrame in the 105th minute then Steve Amos sealed it all up in the 116th minute with a solo effort.

Birkalla had an even more dramatic opening against Cup holders Azzurri, netting through Bryan Kent after just 28 seconds!

Back stormed Azzurri

and Angie Giannitto scored in the fourth minute, then Birkalla took over the second half.

Robbie Tobin made it 2-1 in the 62nd minute, then 11 minutes from time Eddie Briscoe got what proved to be the final goal.

LATROBE VALLEY SENIOR DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warragul	14	12	2	0	47	11	26
Pegasus	14	8	3	3	32	13	19
Newborough	13	6	4	3	19	17	14
Sale City	14	6	2	6	28	22	14
Moe United	13	7	0	6	20	18	14
Churchill	14	5	2	7	10	30	12
Traralgon City	14	4	4	6	17	21	12
Monash	14	2	7	5	15	20	11
Inter Monell	14	4	2	8	14	20	10
Olympians	13	2	5	6	11	20	9
Fortuna	13	2	4	7	10	21	8



FORMER Newcastle Identity and NSL coach Peter Irving had his first taste of victory in Hobart when Juventus-Pioneer won the Cascade Summer Cup at the KGV Stadium. Walter Pless' shows Irving (right) as fans reach out to congratulate him.

NSL YOUTH

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

ON a weekend that saw Marshall Soper return to competitive action there were 23 goals scored in the five Northern Division games played.

Tony Krslovic bagged five in the second half as Croatia hammered Canterbury 8-0 at King Tomislav.

In the match of the round APIA locked horns with leaders Olympic in a classic confrontation at St George Stadium.

APIA, the only side to take a point from Olympic this year, took a first half lead through Lupco Djordjieski but David Barrett and Steve Chilas in the last minute gave Olympic the points and almost certainly the championship.

Marconi struggled all the way against a revived Manly but a first half penalty from Anthony Budini kept the Leopards in the top five.

Melita threw away a valuable point in a thriller at Melita Stadium. After leading 3-1 with 12 minutes left, Sutherland scored twice to steal a point and the Eagles drop to fifth.

Uruguay bounced back from a 7-1 defeat to St

George last week to almost assure Warringah of the wooden spoon.

Uruguay scored five times in the first 35 minutes including a hat-trick from Yildiz Guroi. But Warringah tightened their defence after the opening onslaught and the final score remained 5-0.

OLYMPIC 2 APIA 1

If APIA could take the points from Olympic they would still be within striking distance of the championship, and the Strikers got off to a dream start when Lupco Djordjieski picked up a loose ball and beat the fullback before slipping the ball home under Bill London in the 28th minute.

A nasty incident between Nick Oustambasidis of Olympic and APIA's Mick Criticos saw both sides reduced to 10 men two minutes before APIA's opening goal.

Youth Socceroo David Barrett nodded home Olympic's equaliser in the 36th minute following a fine Steve Refenes corner.

A minute before the interval Manny Spanouda-

kis was unlucky as his header was cleared off the line by an APIA defender and the sides at the break remained locked together.

Neither team created anything worthwhile in the second half until Soper appeared with six minutes to go.

The APIA defence seemed intent on blotting Soper out of the game. Tom Pontidas took advantage of the situation floating a long ball over the top to the unmarked Steve Chilas who picked his spot before rifling home the winner in the final minute giving Terry Greedy no chance.

OLYMPIC: London, Barrett, Hantzis, Piatanlotis, Briggs (Hrist), Oustambasidis, Spanoudakis (Soper), Pontidas, Chilas, Genaris, Refenes.

Best Players: David Barrett, Eric Hrist, Tom Pontidas.

APIA: Greedy, Brady, Papoythis, Bakirtais, Criticos, Pettenon, Masi, Zullo, Speranza, Djordjieski, Hadden.

MANLY 0 MARCONI 1

Marconi held on to outlast a much improved Manly at Cromer Park last Sunday.

Anthony Budini converted a 22nd minute spot kick for the only goal of the game but Manly stormed home in the second half

with at least 12 scoring opportunities to the Leopards two.

The difference between the two sides was the outstanding performance of goalkeeper Bob Catlin who saved Marconi on numerous occasions in a match reduced to 35 minutes each way, but Marconi gritted their teeth and stayed fourth.

MANLY: Beckett, Reeves, Chung, Vale, Logan, Ure, Greaves, Glascock, Wills, Connor (Mason), Wassell (Annen).

Best Players: Robert Ure, Brad Glascock, Francis Chung.

MARCONI: Catlin, Ortega, Agiasolis, Curko, Budwee, Budini, Surjan, Lowe, Agamemones, Carluccio, Russo.

Best Players: Greg Carluccio, Freddie Ortega, Kerry Agiasolis.

URUGUAY 5 WARRINGAH 0

Uruguay Penrith moved safely away from the danger zone at the foot of the table with a 30 minute onslaught against Warringah at Cook Park last Sunday.

Yildiz Guroi scored after nine minutes, Simon Crane chipped in the second after 14 minutes and Guroi

notched his hat-trick by the 27th minute.

Mavurac scored the final goal of the game after

35 minutes as Warringah closed ranks and became more competitive in the second half.

URUGUAY: Behn, Lelker, Mavurac, Stounaras, Crane, Martinez (Rossini), Bruno, Gomez, Guroi, Genc (Colazzo), Rodriguez.

Best Players: Simon Crane, Edwin Bruno, Yildiz Guroi.

WARRINGAH: Zuccaro, Landini, Bruzzano, Irino, Cayliriyis, Simpson, Russo, Graziani, Azzolino, Grey, Denn.

CROATIA 8 CANTERBURY 0

Croatia stayed in touch for a top five place after finishing stronger than Canterbury at home last Sunday.

Croatia held a slender 1-0 lead at the interval with a goal through defender John Sekulic after 30 minutes.

The second period saw Tony Krslovic, Croatia's top marksman this season, score five times as the Croatia side finished toying with their opponents and began banging in the goals.

Tony Kardum was on hand to score the other two in the 65th and 74th minutes. The two points keep Croatia sixth a point from third but in the run home Croatia have easier matches than APIA, Marconi and Melita and they

should make the five.

CROATIA: Vuletic, Allilovic, Sekulic, Grubba, Stipic, Orlic, Voloder, Ciscato, Kardum, Krslovic, Tomic (Milicevic), Krkovski replaced Stipic.

CANTERBURY: Mihos, Diles, Iconomopoulos, Palapanis, Beris, Karavatsalis, Daniels, Stavropoulos, P. Giannopoulos, Lampropoulos, Georgopoulos (Mysalakis).

MELITA 3 SUTHERLAND 3

The much-improved Sutherland outfit stormed home in the final quarter of an hour to rob Melita of a vital point in the run into the semis.

The Eagles looked to have the game parcelled up after Scott Ashton scored in the 17th minute at the second attempt but the Shire drew level a minute before the break.

Melita took the game to Sutherland in the second half, Paul Rago headed home in the 48th minute and Darren Pratt fired in the third four minutes later.

At 3-1 down Tony Clark pulled one back for the visitors in the 78th minute and with six minutes remaining a mistake between the defence and the keeper allowed Harry Christodoulos to slot home the equaliser.

MELITA: Avellino, Pidcock, Shute, Ashton, Myles (Daley), Colro, Versi, Dickinson, Bath (Gomez), Rago, Pratt.

Best Players: Darren Pratt, Dar-nyl Pidcock, Paul Rago.

SUTHERLAND: Simpson, Long,

OAK TURNER FINALS SET

THE OAK Bill Turner Cup semi-finals will be played on Tuesday August 18 at Macquarie Field Speers Point.

Featured are: 6.30pm: Liverpool Boys v winner Kaleen (ACT) v Kogarah. 7.45pm: St Peters Maitland v Umina.

The final and play-off for third place will take place the following night, Wednesday August 19, at the same ground.

Lambton and Cardiff will compete for the Rudi Roth regional final for girls at 5.15pm on Tuesday night.

Poerkovic, Ashton, Carroll, Clark, Christodoulos, Glovenco, Barr, King, Nelson (Mellor).

Best Players: Andrew Long, Peter King, Adam Carroll.

BRUNSWICK 1 SUNSHINE 1

The top two sides in the Southern Division took the field looking for the outright lead with only a handful of games remaining.

The match was played at a fast pace with both sides turning in fine matches.

In the opening 25 minutes it was all Juventus as they went close on a number of occasions with many shots shaving the upright and forcing keeper Lou Kastner into some great saves.

Against the run of play George Cross opened their account after Brunswick had wasted a free kick at the other end. Falzon broke away to give Sunshine the lead after 40 minutes.

With 10 minutes remaining Brunswick got the equaliser they deserved when Paul Martinucci netted following a corner from Anthony Grbac.

BRUNSWICK: Kyrgios, Giannadomenco, Grab, Carraro, Falcone, Metaxas (Morano), Borin, Montemurro, Martinucci, Paleschi, Vesnaver.

SUNSHINE: Kastner, Maticevski, Paz, Markovski, Alevisos, Zacharias, Kyriazopoulos, Falzon, Clarke, Karkalatsis, Hasler.



The Wide World of Football

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY present the best coverage of the world game as FRANK COLETTA brings you the latest news and views along with the best pics from overseas.

FORMER Italian World Cup star Marco Tardelli wants to end his career with an English club despite receiving a mammoth offer to play in Turkey.

Price is wrong

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's \$1.4 million bid for England defender Mark Wright is still being resisted by Southampton who are holding out for \$1.8 million.

Morley move

WEST BROM have signed former England winger Tony Morley from Dutch cup finalists Den Haag.

Numbers game

PORTUGAL is to break with current trends in European Soccer by increasing its first division from 16 to 20 clubs in the new season which opens in September.

Hoddle strikes

A GOAL by England international and former Spurs star Glenn Hoddle gave his new French club Monaco a 1-0 win over Le Havre at the weekend to retain their unbeaten run.

Helping hand

TOP Brazilian side Porto Alegre have agreed to back the campaign to save Welsh crisis club Newport County, under threat of closure for some time, by playing a friendly against them tomorrow night at a 'cut price'.

Diego tops bill

ARGENTINE superstar Diego Maradona received a staggering \$180,000 — \$2000 minute — match fee for appearing for the Rest of the World side against England in a friendly at Wembley.

★ English first division club Wimbledon has been fined a record \$9,000 for its appalling disciplinary record over the past six years. If it appears before the English federation's disciplinary committee during the next campaign, a further penalty of \$10,000 will be imposed. Only assurances from the club's new manager Bobby Gould over future conduct prevented harsher punishment.

★ Former Tottenham Hotspur striker John Duncan has been named manager of English second division club Ipswich Town.

WITTEVEEN: "Not surprised"

ONE notable exclusion from Kevin Fallon's recently named All White squad was Masport Mount Wellington's Dave Witteveen (pictured right).

Witteveen was first selected for the All Whites when a Russian XI toured NZ in 1986 and was described as 'the find of the series,' so it came as a surprise when his name did not appear in the latest side.

Since his NZ debut, the attack-minded midfielder played a significant role for the highly successful Sound/Plus National Auckland side, who won the Centenary international tournament at Mt Smart earlier this year. Witteveen's stunning goals from free kicks were a feature of their games.

Auckland then put on a good showing against En-

glish League Champions Everton but Witteveen sustained an injury in that match.

According to him neither this nor any other reasons he could state were responsible for his absence from the latest squad. "I'm not really surprised," he said, "I last played for the All Whites against Australia at Mt Smart and then was not picked for the return in Sydney."

"Since the match against Everton I have played in only one full game because of an injury."

"With the series against the Aussies not until September, I don't feel the injury was a reason for my exclusion."

Bob Patterson, Witteveen's coach at the Mount, believes Witteveen is playing as well, if not better than when he

was last selected to play for the All Whites, but he is quick to point out that Kevin Fallon would have a pattern that he would want to play too.

Patterson said jokingly: "If asked who from my side should be in the national squad, I'd say all of them."

"But Kevin Fallon knows what he wants and Dave probably wasn't the player who he thought would blend into the team plan the best."

"Witteveen started the season playing really well, but his form levelled off while the Auckland games were on. I think he was playing too much football. After his injury though he's playing extremely well again. All he needed was a rest."

— MICHAEL LAWRENCE
"NZ Soccer Express"



Robson gets two, but...

MARADONA IS JEERED

DIEGO Maradona was paid a reported \$A2,265 a minute to represent the Rest of the World against an English first division XI in a game marking the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Football League.

But the Argentinian never imposed his authority on the match and the League XI strolled to a 3-0 victory.

England captain Bryan Robson opened the scoring with a firm header after 23 minutes. Northern Ireland's Brian Whitson scored the second on the hour mark and Robson scored again with the last kick of the game.

Critics ridicule such games as second-rate practice sessions, but while the baffling number of substitutions is an intrusion the absence of infringements and the gentle tackling at least allow a free rein.

Such was the freedom afforded to Gary Lineker that the England striker appeared surprised by the amount of time and space he was given in front of goal and squandered five good chances for the World XI in the first half.

Lineker did not appear after the interval. He became the first in a series of quickfire substitutions as both managers gave all 35 players on duty a kick of the ball in the second 45 minutes.

That did not help the rhythm of the game and although there were some flashes of breathtaking skill from Brazilian duo Josimar and Celso, the now-retired Michel Platini and West German Thomas Berthold, the game will be remembered only for its curiosity value.

Maradona gave poor value for money but he remains the sport's most exciting player and even at half pace his every touch suggests that anything is possible.

The Argentinian did not manage a shot or header on goal, but the weight and pace of his passes opened up the League defence on several occasions and it was from one of his deft chips that Spanish fullback Julio Alberto went closest to scoring for the World XI in the dying seconds.

Too High for Celtic

LONDON, West Ham have blocked Celtic's move to gain the services of Frank McAvennie by slapping a \$A3.43 million price tag on the Scottish striker.

"I'm not prepared to pay that kind of money for a player who is now 28," said Celtic manager Billy McNeill, who is desperate for a proven goalscorer after the departure of Mo Johnson to Nantes, Brian McClair to Manchester United and Alan McInally to Aston Villa.

One player definitely crossing the border in the opposite direction is Glasgow Rangers' reserve striker Neil Woods, who has signed for Ipswich for \$A974,000. He joined Rangers a year ago from third division Doncaster Rovers.

Meanwhile Chelsea goalkeeper Tony Godden has joined Birmingham City for \$A79,945.

MANCHESTER United and Newcastle are after Norwich striker Kevin Drinkell: transfer list \$1m.

League lament

URUGUAY'S league opened at the weekend without Penarol and Nacional. Both teams are on overseas tours.

WATFORD manager Dave Bassett has lit the fuse for an explosive confrontation with Wimbledon on the opening day of the English League season on August 15, with a fierce attack on his old club that is demanding \$400,000 in compensation for his move to Vicarage Rd at the end of last season.

'H'MEN HOT TO TROT

ENGLISH internationals Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley had dream debuts for their new French club Monaco this week — and they got the royal seal of approval.

When this talented twosome helped Monaco to a 3-1 win over Marseilles before a capacity crowd of 20,000 at the magnificent Louis II Stadium in Monte Carlo, Prince Ranier and his son Prince Albert, leapt in the air and hugged each other in jubilation.

Afterwards, in this land of the millionaire, Prince Ranier clad in a dinner jacket and sipping champagne declared: "Hoddle can become a new tourist attraction in Monte Carlo!"

He also told club President Campora that his \$4 million investment in Hoddle and Hateley was a winner and that he was honoured to be present at their debut.

Hateley bagged a goal in the game and also looked the goods.

Hoddle afterwards declared that he is loving every minute of his stay in Monte Carlo.

"The lifestyle is fantastic and if I can't produce top form here I can't produce it anywhere," he said.

"Back home in England many people think I have only come here for the money, but this is not so."

"I have come here to extend my career and to discover if I can become a better player and help win the French championship."

THE BIG TIME

For the record-minded and inclined ASW lists the history of record signings in Britain:

Feb 1905: (\$A2,287) Alf Common: Sutherland to Middlesbrough.

Feb 1922: (\$A11,439) Sid Puddefoot: West Ham to Falkirk.

Oct 1928: (\$A24,932) David Jack: Bolton to Arsenal.

Nov 1947: (\$A45,756) Tommy Lawton: Chelsea to Notts County.

Oct 1950: (\$A68,634) Trevor Ford: Aston Villa to Sutherland.

Mar 1960: (\$A125,829) Denis Law: Huddersfield to Manchester City.

Nov 1961: (\$A228,777) Jimmy Greaves: AC Milan to Tottenham.

June 1968: (\$A343,170) Allan Clarke: Fulham to Leicester.

Mar 1970: (\$A457,560) Martin Peters: West Ham to Tottenham.

Aug 1972: (\$A571,950) David Nish: Leicester to Derby.

Feb 1974: (\$A800,730) Bob Latchford: Birmingham to Everton.

Jan 1979: (\$A1.18m) David Mills: Middlesbrough to WBA.

Feb 1979: (\$A2.7m) Trevor Francis: Birmingham to Notts Forest.

Oct 1981: (\$A3.43m) Bryan Robson: WBA to Manchester Utd.

July 1987: (\$A4.35m) Peter Beardsley: Newcastle to Liverpool.

British signings over (\$A2.29m):

Feb 1979: (\$A2.70m) Trevor Francis: Birmingham-Notts Forest.

Sep 1978: (\$A3.29m) Steve Daley: Wolves to Manchester City.

Sep 1979: (\$A3.36m) Andy Gray: Aston Villa to Wolves.

Mar 1980: (\$A2.86m) Kevin Reeves: Norwich to Manchester City.

June 1980: (\$A2.86m) Clive Allen: QPR to Arsenal.

July 1980: (\$A2.86m) Ian Wallace: Coventry to Nottingham Forest.

Aug 1980: (\$A2.86m) Clive Allen: Arsenal to Crystal Palace.

Aug 1981: (\$A2.29m) Justin Fashanu: Norwich to Notts Forest.

Aug 1981: (\$A2.29m) Frank Stapleton: Arsenal to Manchester Utd.

Sep 1981: (\$A2.75m) Trevor Francis: Notts Forest to Manchester City.

Oct 1981: (\$A3.43m) Bryan Robson: WBA to Manchester Utd.



GARY LINEKER, from Leicester to Everton, then Barcelona. Here he takes on Paraguay.

June 1985: (\$A2.52m) Gary Lineker: Leicester to Everton.

July 1987: (\$A4.35m) Peter Beardsley: Newcastle to Liverpool.

Signings elsewhere in the world:

June 1982: (\$A10.98m) Diego Maradona: Boca Juniors to Barcelona.

July 1983: (\$A5.72m) Zico: Flamengo to Udinese.

May 1984: (\$A4.58m) Socrates: Corinthians to Fiorentina.

June 1984: (\$A13.73m) Diego Maradona: Barcelona to Napoli.

July 1984: (\$A7.78m) Karl-Heinz Rumenigge: Bayern Munich to Inter Milan.

May 1986: (\$A5.25m) Mark Hughes: Manchester Utd to Barcelona.

June 1986: (\$A6.29m) Gary Lineker: Everton to Barcelona.

July 1986: (\$A7.32m) Ian Rush: Liverpool to Juventus.

April 1987: (\$A12.17m) Ruud Gulitt: Ajax to AC Milan.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs ADELAIDE CITY

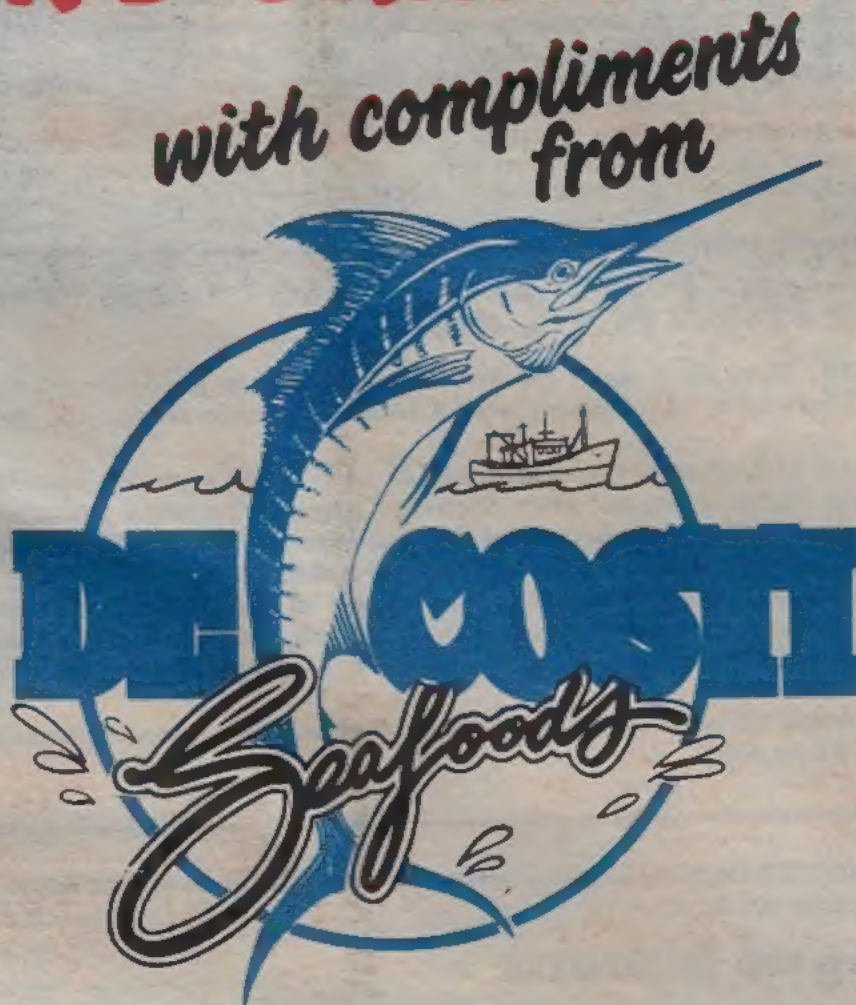


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